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CHINA LIGHT COMPANY PROJECT.

ON EVE OF CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT.

INCREASING PROFITS.

The interesting announcement was made at the annual general meeting of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., held this morning, that the Company is on the eve of closing an agreement with the Government for the supply of electricity to the New Territories, which it is hoped will, in course of time, prove a profitable source of revenue.

This information was contained in the speech by the Chairman (Mr. R. G. Sheehan), who stated that the prospects for the present year were good. The past year's gross profit showed an increase of over ten per cent.

On the question of consumers' deposits, the Chairman stated that the Directors had decided to collect cash deposits from all new consumers, without exception, but interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be allowed on all deposits of \$50 or over.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose, with your assent, to take the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for the required period, as read.

The net amounts, after payment of the interim dividend amounting to \$140,781.95 and including \$57,648.39 brought forward from last year, available for distribution is \$199,262.52, which we recommend be appropriated as follows:—To pay a final dividend of 5%, making 10% for the year, \$141,685; and carry forward to next year's account, \$57,577.52.

The Working Account shows a gross profit of \$530,841.25 against \$478,688.41 last year, an increase of over 10%. Units sold during the year have risen by 11%.

Distribution System.—The expenditure has been heavy owing chiefly to the large amount of renewals to verandahs, mains, etc., which were in a faulty condition, and to the extension of our underground system; but the demand continues to grow, and will necessitate further expenditure in the current year to satisfy consumers' requirements.

Voltage Change.

Change of Voltage.—This work is proceeding rapidly, and about 50% of the Tsing Tsa Tsui area is completed. In Yumati about 75% is finished, while at Kowloon City the area known as Kuo Yui Shuk has been changed over to the higher voltage. Several isolated places, including the North end of Kowloon Tong, have also been changed over, while over 900 fans and a large quantity of heating and cooking apparatus have been rewound.

For the current year we estimate that capital expenditure on land and buildings, and on distribution, cables, and meter departments, will amount to some \$300,000, and we expect to expend a further \$50,000 in connection with the Change of Voltage.

Show Room.—This was finally closed at the end of February.

Consumers' Deposits.—After careful consideration, the Directors have decided to collect cash deposits from all new consumers, without exception, but interest at the rate of 4% per annum is allowed on all deposits of \$50 or over.

With reference to the item of "Typhoon damage on plant not covered by insurance, \$5,659.54," this covers damage to properties which the insurance companies do not accept for insurance.

Good Prospects.

Altogether, gentlemen, our prospects for the present year are good, and I may tell you that we are now on the eve of closing an

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MOTOR CAR TURNS SOMERSAULT.

PASSENGER WHO TRIED HAND AT DRIVING.

ONE BADLY INJURED.

The first motor accident of the holiday season occurred on Saturday afternoon in Shauiwan Road, a public car turning a complete somersault whilst travelling at a high speed.

From various accounts of the accident it would seem that three Chinese hired public car No. 279 from the central district to proceed to Shauiwan. On the way, one of the fare asked to be allowed to drive.

Having convinced the driver as to his abilities, he took over the wheel and steered the car safely to Shauiwan.

On the return journey, however, the car was passed by another and in an attempt to head off the second car, the driver of No. 279 accelerated. Apparently losing control, he drove the car off the side of the road. A sand embankment impeded the car's progress and it turned completely over, throwing the four occupants out.

Of the four persons thrown out, however, only one was severely injured. He was rushed to the Government Civil Hospital, where it was established that he was suffering from a ruptured spleen.

PERSIAN TRIBE IN REBELLION.

DOST MAHOMMED FLEEING ACROSS DESERT.

ALL WELLS POISONED.

Bakra, Dec. 23. With the news of the rebellion in Afghanistan and the rumours of plotting against the Turkish Government filling the air, a serious development is reported in Persia, stories having reached Bakra to the effect that rebellion has broken out on the large scale.

It is stated that the rebel tribes are led by Dost Mohammed, though the latest news seems to indicate that his attacks have been repulsed.

The Persian *Buchistan* states Persian local troops and two aeroplanes from Kerman and Meshed are pursuing the rebel tribesmen across the Great Desert. It is alleged that Dost Mohammed has poisoned all wells to a point one hundred and twenty miles south-east of Kerman.—*Reuter*.

PENNY POSTAGE IN CANADA.

COMMUNICATIONS TO WHOLE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.

The Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King has sent a message to Buckingham Palace, declaring that as an enduring expression of the feeling of devotion to His Majesty and of the nearness of the relationship of Canada to all other parts of the Dominions, the Canadian Government has decided to restore the penny postage on communications from Canada to all other parts of the Empire.

The restoration of the penny postage takes effect on Christmas Day.—*Reuter*.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

SUFFERING FROM INTERNAL INFLAMMATION.

London, Dec. 23.

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang) is "suffering from an attack of internal inflammation, which will necessitate his remaining in bed for some days."

The above statement was issued after a consultation by Sir Hugh Rigby, the Archbishop's own doctor, this afternoon.—*Reuter*.

LEGATION UNDER SHELLFIRE.

MILITARY ATTACHE'S HOUSE HIT.

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

KING GAINING GROUND

New Delhi, Dec. 23.

The rebellion in Afghanistan is evidently more serious than Afghan officials will admit, though reports coming through are so confusing that it is extremely difficult to assess the situation accurately.

An official version of the state of affairs goes so far as to say that King Amanullah has removed his court from Kabul to Kandahar, but the reports of the transfer of the court is not generally accepted in Peshawar, though it is believed that Queen Sourya and the Queen Mother may have left for Kandahar.

Strong Government Attack.

It is at the present moment impossible to tell what kind of government exists in Kabul, though it is practically certain that King Amanullah is by no means down and out.

On the contrary, it is stated that he is recruiting support from Kandahar.

It is now known that the opening of the road from the British Legation to the aerodrome, which enable the foreign women and children to be evacuated, was due to a strong attack by Government forces which drove back the rebels for some distance.

Legation House Hit.

Prior to this success by Amanullah's troops, the Legation was continually endangered, being caught between the two fires, the Afghan troops and levies on the one side, and the rebel marauders on the other.

The very real danger to the British residents in the Legation is shown by the fact that the house of the Military Attache has been destroyed by shell-fire.

The women and children at the Legation were rescued by aeroplanes this morning, over twenty being brought successfully to Peshawar. An earlier report that an airship was used for the purpose is incorrect. The party was brought back by a large troop-carrying plane, with four other aeroplanes acting as escorts.

It included Lady Humphrys, Mrs. Gould and two children, Mrs. Stranger and child, Miss Palford, the wives and children of Indian officials and Indian maid-servants. None was worse for the air voyage.

Rebels Driven Off.

London, Dec. 22.

The Afghan Legation declares that the general situation at Kabul and the Eastern provinces has considerably improved and that the position of the Government forces is very strong. The rebels have been driven off some 35 miles North from Kabul and consequently all roads leading to Kabul have been cleared. Communication with Kabul and the British Legation has been restored. The aeroplane service has been resumed.

The Government of Afghanistan agreed with the British Air Force to remove all Indian and British women and children from the Legation at Kabul on December 23.

The Kabul wireless station has sent the following message to Peshawar: "The British Legation is safe. Don't be anxious; your messages are being delivered to the British Legation."

Jelalabad Besieged.

Peshawar, Dec. 22.

Sikhs at Lalpura, Afghanistan, have brought the sacred book (Granth Sahib) to Peshawar for safe custody. All is quiet in Dacca city but Jelalabad is closely besieged. It is impossible to relieve it owing to the disorders at Kabul.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI SECRET SOCIETY.

ASSASSINATION POLICY AGAINST "REDS."

CURIOUS DISCLOSURE.

Shanghai, Dec. 24. Startling and extremely interesting disclosures concerning a Chinese secret society, styled the "Blue and Red Party," have just been made in Shanghai.

According to information available, the Party's ramifications have been chiefly concerned with the French Concession, and it claims credit for the fact that the Concession has not suffered from industrial strife since the May 30th incident.

All along, it is stated, the Concession has enjoyed the fruits of the secret society's influence, the extent of which is attributed to its policy of assassination terrifying even to the Communists.

It is alleged that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek utilized the Society to repress Communist activities in Shanghai.

The Society is also supposed to have been nullifying the wires in connection with the tram strike, in consequence of which the tram service was suspended.

SHANGHAI POLICE EXPLOIT.

Fifteen Kidnappers Caught and Victim Released.

BLOODLESS AFFAIR.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

The combined efforts of the Settlement, French Concession and Chinese police forces were instrumental last night in effecting the arrest of fifteen members of a kidnapping gang, and the release of a victim, as well as the recovery of \$30,000 paid as ransom.

The information emanated from the French police and the men were arrested in the Settlement.

The victim was released from a Pootung hotel. The affair was carried out bloodlessly, no shot being fired. The detective squad operated under Det. Inspector J. A. Quayle, the Interpreter cricketer.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

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OPIUM HIDDEN IN BOAT.

CHINESE SMARTLY FINED AT KOWLOON.

On board a fishing boat which was anchored in the Yumati Typhoon Shelter on Friday afternoon, C. P. O. Clarke found 103 tins of prepared opium, concealed in the bows of the craft. An aged seaman was the sole occupant of the boat at the time, and he was taken into custody, being produced before Mr. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of possession.

The defendant denied ownership of the opium. C. P. O. Clarke, in evidence, said that, when searched, the defendant had on him a sum of \$52. The man in whose name the boat was registered was not on board at the time.

The defendant claimed that he had been paid 20 cents per day to take care of the boat.

His Worship, in registering a conviction, said he would not have done so had the defendant not had the large sum of money in his possession.

A fine of \$5,000 or six months' hard labour was imposed.

RABID DOGS.

MIR BRAGA'S QUESTIONS FOR SANITARY BOARD.

At Thursday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask:

1. How long is it since the last case of rabies was officially reported to the Sanitary Department as occurring in the Colony?

2. Have any dogs suspected of the disease been proved to be rabid?

POLITICAL GAME IN CHINA.

YEN HSI-SHAN'S VISIT TO NANKING.

REPUTABLE NEWS AGENCIES DECEIVED.

SEA INSTEAD OF RAIL.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's presence in Nanking recalls a remarkable piece of wire-pulling or leg-pulling, which was played off on the newspaper world at the beginning of the month, both Reuter and the Toho News Agency falling into the trap.

A telegram was sent from Nanking by both these usually reliable and well-informed sources to the effect that General Yen Hsi-shan had arrived in Nanking and was most cordially received by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and other Nanking officials.

Yen Hsi-shan had at that time left Peking for Tientsin. The Kuo Wen agency at Peking wired to Tientsin on the following day that General Yen had passed through Tientsin early that morning and that he was met at Tientsin by several high local and military officials, including General Fu Tso-yi, the local Defence Commissioner, who journeyed with him to Tongku and saw him on board a Chinese steamer bound for Shanghai. It was only late in the afternoon of Saturday that Tientsin generally was aware that the distinguished Shansi leader had passed through Tientsin.

Rumours Circulating.

The usual crop of rumours are current as to the reason why General Yen preferred to travel by Nanking by sea instead of by rail which would have been quicker and more comfortable, but the fact remains that two well known news agencies, one British and the other Japanese, were hoodwinked into dispatching a telegram from Nanking announcing General Yen's actual arrival in that city and giving an account of his reception on arrival. Both Reuter and Toho must have been given this statement officially.

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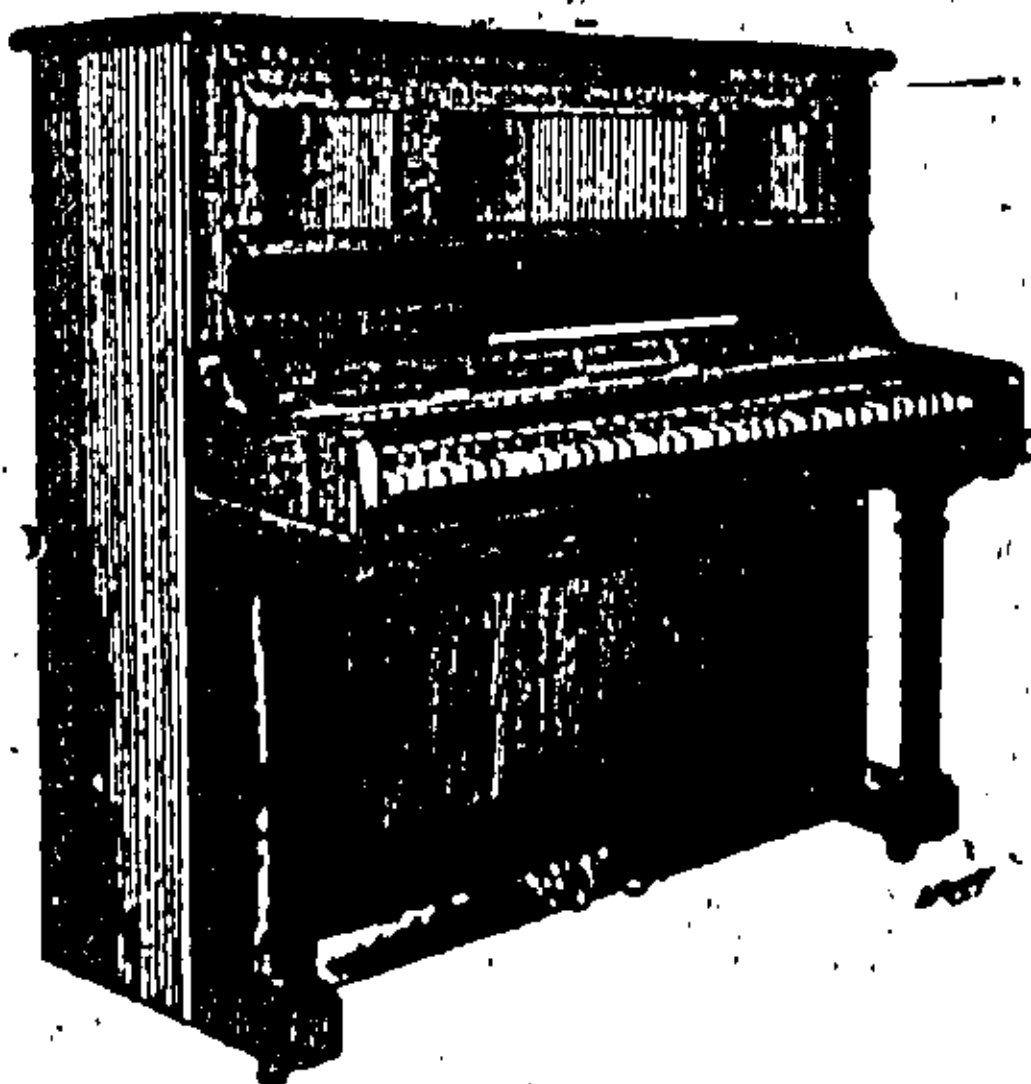
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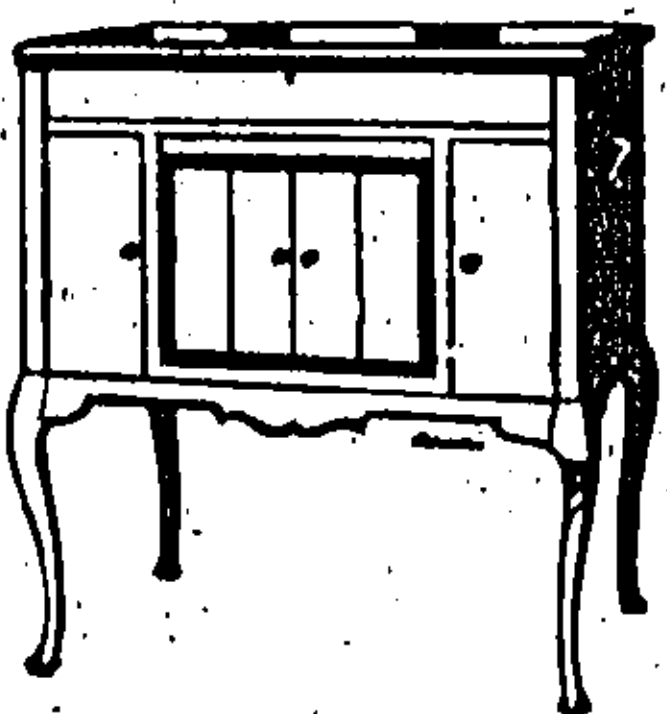
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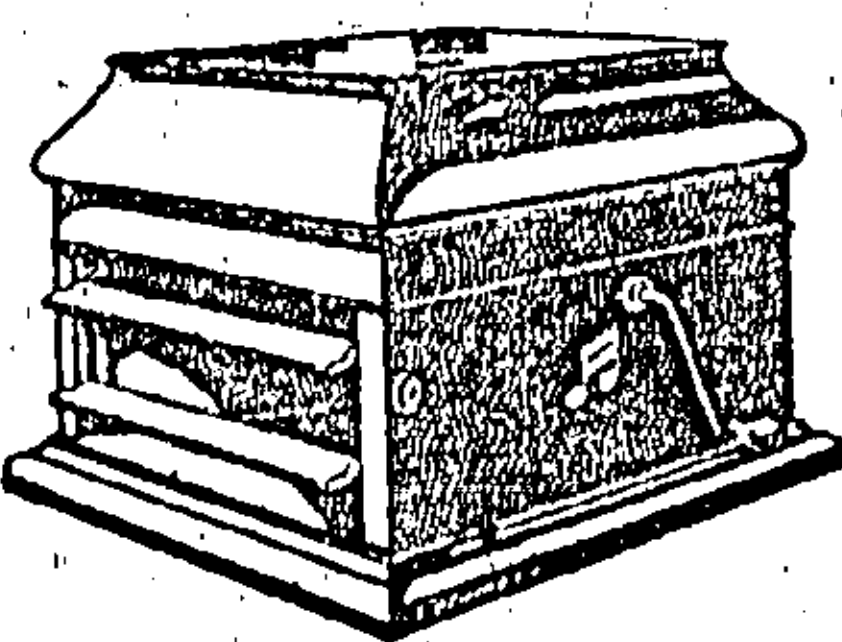
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CHRISTMAS RUSH.

HUGE CROWDS LEAVE LONDON BY TRAIN.

London, Dec. 23. Public relief at the improvement in the King's health is manifested by the unprecedented stir on the eve of the Christmas holidays. The rush to the country came to a climax during the last two days when huge crowds left the principal London stations. For instance, eleven heavily laden expresses left King's Cross for Scotland last night. The "Flying Scotman" has been duplicated daily since Tuesday. Fourteen main line trains from Euston have also been duplicated. Traffic to Ireland was so heavy that extra boats had to be run on all services.—*Reuter*.

"Booze" for Americans.

New York, Dec. 23. America is approaching the most sumptuous Christmas in history. Money is circulating like the Nile flood. Stock Exchange and banking employees share bonuses of over \$25,000,000, amounting in many cases to an additional year's salary. The best mince and plum puddings are being made with brandy imported from England. Scotch whisky is obtainable clandestinely at 50/- a bottle and champagne manufactured in California at \$12 a bottle.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Xmas in France.

Paris, Dec. 23. Large families in France will enjoy a happy Christmas as the result of the bequest of a childless millionaire of Cognac and his wife, who are settling aside a large sum, the interest on which is to be distributed annually. An academy has just announced that 290 beneficiaries who are receiving £80 to £200 each are mostly families of from nine to 14 children.—*Reuter*.

WORKERS' WELFARE.

LORD MELCHETT'S LATEST EXPERIMENT.

London, Dec. 22. A trade union congress for each industry is the latest idea of Lord Melchett, formerly Sir Alfred Mond, for furthering industrial co-operation. He is inviting workers in the Imperial Chemicals Company to organise a Trade Union Consultative Council, with representatives of all the various trade unions to which 45,000 workpeople of the company belong.

To this Council will be referred all questions that affect the welfare of the business and the livelihood of those who are engaged in it.

Lord Melchett's scheme is in the nature of an experiment, but if it is successful these trade union consultative councils are likely to be one of the proposals of a conference of employers and trade unions which is still thrashing out the problem of industrial relationship.—*British Wireless*.

AIRMAN DECORATED.

AUSTRALIAN RECEIVED BY PRINCE OF WALES.

London, Dec. 22. It is announced in a Court circular that Mr. Herbert Hinkler, the Australian airman, was received yesterday by the Prince of Wales and on behalf of H.M. the King, decorated with the Air Force Cross. Hinkler flew alone from England to Australia in fifteen and a half days in a light aeroplane with a 30 horse power engine, completing his flight at Bundaberg in Queensland, his native town.—*British Wireless*.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED.

London, Dec. 22. A blessing has been given to the Anglo-Chinese treaty in a *Times* leader acclaiming the signature as a vindication of the policy which Britain has consistently pursued since the Washington Conference.

It says that compared with the tariff rates of many European countries the new duties may be regarded as fairly modest. It rejoices in China's pledge to abolish opium, the fulfilment of which is an essential part of the Agreement, which should immensely assist the present regime and consolidate their authority.

Alluding to the fact that Japan has hitherto not concluded a treaty with China, the newspaper states that separate action by Britain proves that while desirous of adhering as closely as possible to the letter and spirit of the recent undertaking in favour of diplomatic collaboration, Britain does not allow its policy thereby to be sterilised.—*Reuter*.

Exchange of Salutes.

Hankow, Dec. 22. Rear Admiral H. J. Tweedie arrived here this morning in H.M.S. Bee.

Shortly before noon the booming of guns from a Chinese gunboat and the Bee, interchanging salutes, announced locally Great Britain's official recognition of the Nationalists.—*Reuter*.

Long View Prevails.

New York, Dec. 22. Britain's formal recognition of the Chinese Nationalist Government is regarded here as in the nature of a triumph for British diplomacy. The *Times* points out that "the long view has prevailed," and both the *Times* and the *World* applaud the "fact that the latest move on the part of the British Foreign Office has apparently ruled out any question of the revival of the Anglo-Japanese alliance."—*Reuter's American Service*.

Sino-French Treaty.

Shanghai, Dec. 22. The new Sino-French Tariff Treaty was signed at Shanghai this evening. The terms were not divulged.

M. Martel, the French Minister, is leaving for Nanking to-morrow by gunboat and thence to Peking by train.—*Reuter*.

ROLLING STOCK.

LOCOMOTIVES AND CARS RETURNED TO RAILWAYS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 23. A Nanking message states that Mr. Sun Fo has received a wire from General Pei Chung-hsi stating that the latter has returned the rolling stock, belonging to various railways, which had been used for military transportation.

He specifically mentions the following—17 locomotives and 251 cars of the Peking-Mukden Railway, 6 locomotives and 135 cars of the Peking-Hankow Railway, and one locomotive and 25 freight cars of the Tsinan-Pukow Railway.

AMERICAN TROOPS.

ONE THOUSAND TO LEAVE TIENTSIN NEXT MONTH.

Washington, Dec. 23. The Sixth Regiment and the Engineer Corps stationed at Tientsin, comprising 1,000 men, have been ordered to leave for home at the end of January.—*Reuter's American Service*.

BEWARE OF COLDS!

Build Upon Your Sytem To Resist Them As This Sufferer In America Did.

"I had become so badly run-down that I had one cold after another and it seemed impossible to build up my system," says Mr. Louis W. Bentz, of No. 101 Hungerford Street, Hartford, Conn. "Each cold lasted a little longer and was more severe than the one before. I lost my appetite and my strength was being slowly absorbed. I couldn't sleep well and felt tired in the morning. Severe rheumatic pains developed in my shoulders and in my back. I had dizzy spells and headaches.

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ARMY REDUCTION.

A SCHEME OF GRADUAL DISBANDMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 22. The National Military Reorganization and Disbandment Conference is opening on Dec. 23 and Li Chang-yen and Li Chi-shen are going to Nanking from Hankow to-morrow to attend it.

Chang Haueh-ling is sending a representative.

Ho Ying-ching, Inspector General of Military Training, states that the conference is an attempt to determine the division of the country into a number of garrison areas and to work out a detailed scheme of gradual disbandment.

The repatriation of surplus troops, it is pointed out, will reduce the army from 1,000,000 to 500,000, and will necessitate the expenditure of £30,000,000.

The Nationalists plan to limit the total Military, Naval and Aviation expenditure to \$150,000,000 annually.—*Reuter*.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

JOINT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LONDON.

Calcutta, Dec. 22. His Majesty's Government welcomes the suggestion of the Simon Commission that the Indian Central Committee should visit England next summer in order to participate in additional sittings at a joint free conference as guests of the British Government.—*Reuter*.

No Untoward Incident.

Calcutta, Dec. 23. Although the train of the Simon Commission was guarded by police, the journey from Patna and the Commission's arrival were very quiet owing to the boycott element giving a reception to Mr. Motilal Nehru, whose procession was attended by record crowds.—*Reuter*.

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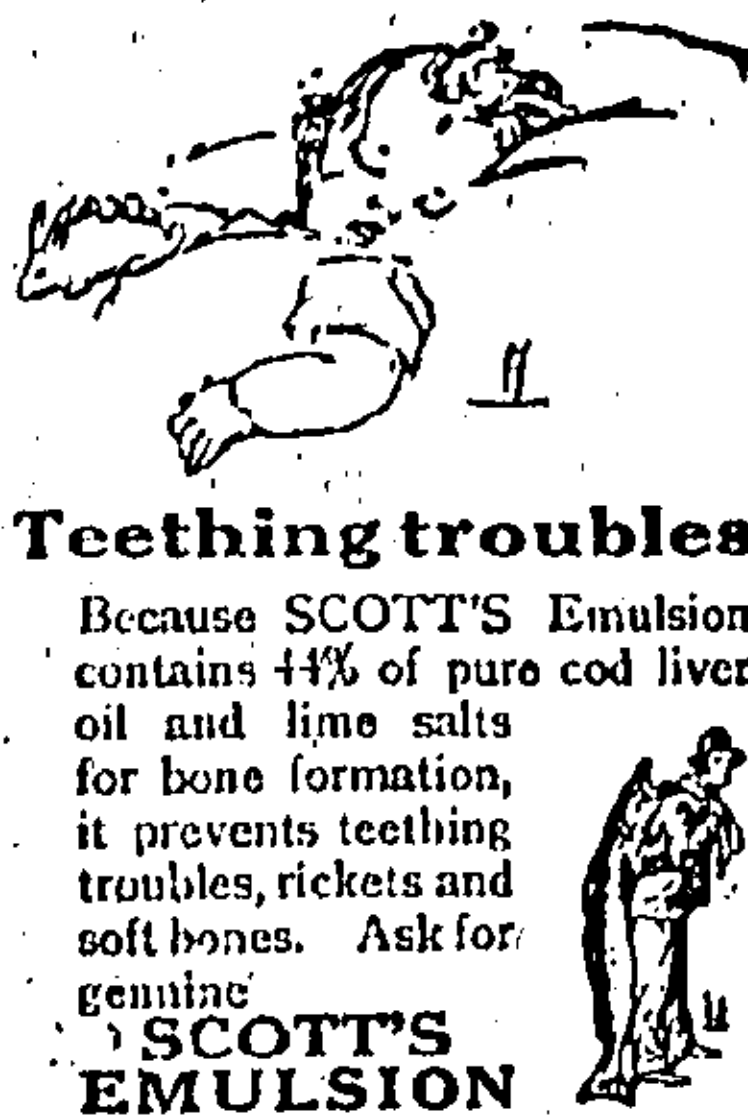
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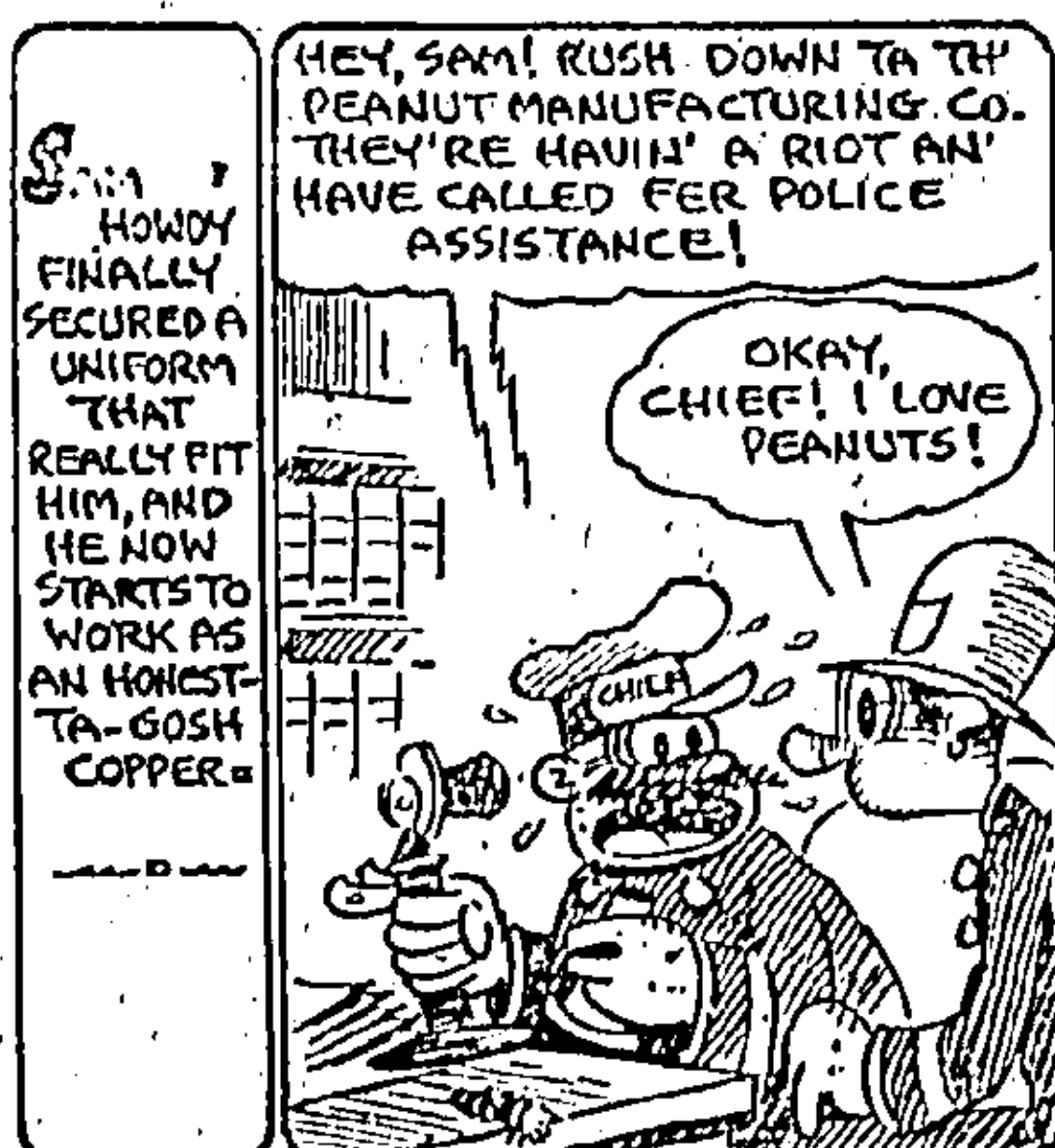
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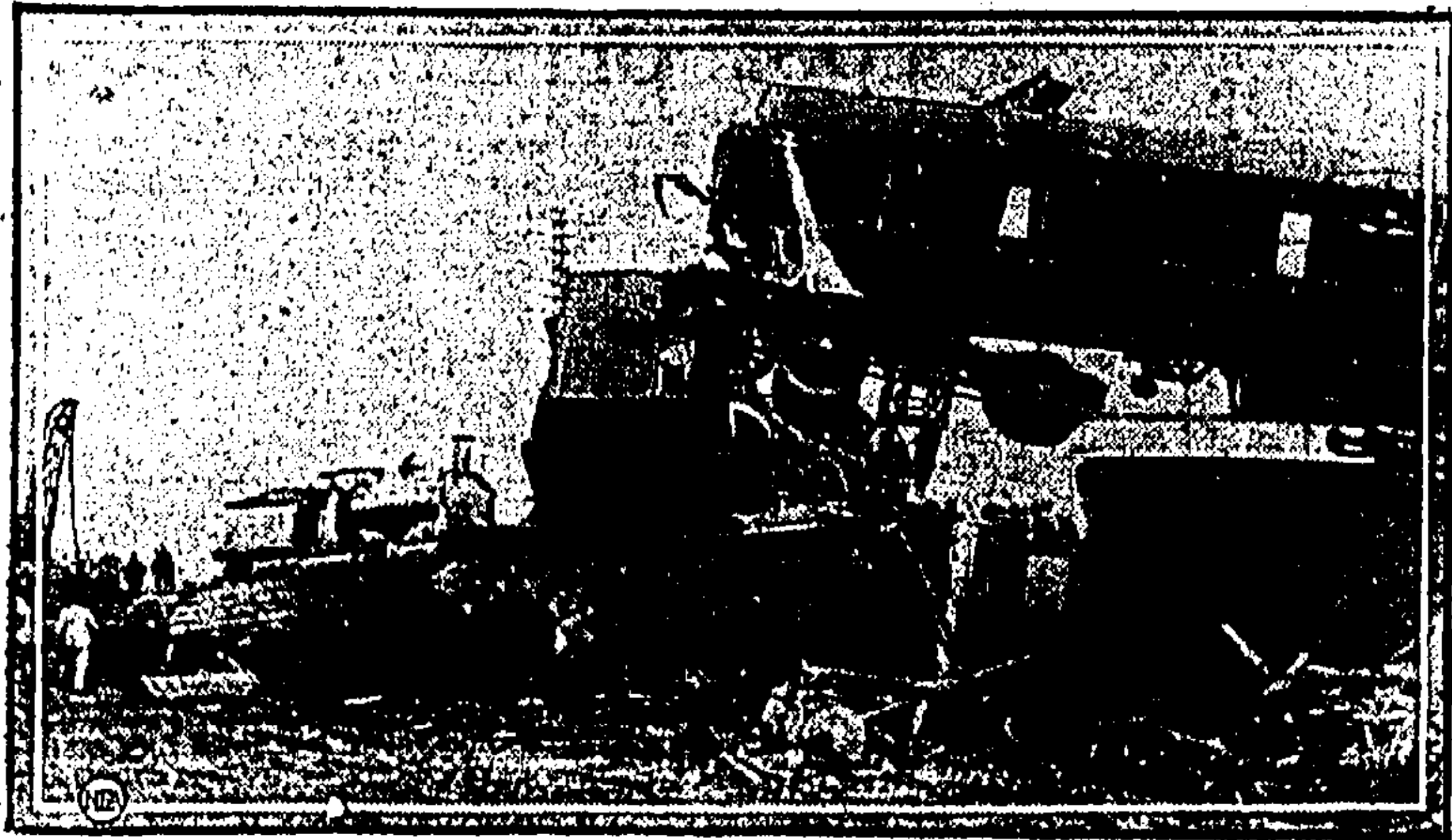
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H. R. H. Infante Alfonso of Spain, pictured on his arrival at New York with his wife, the Princess Beatrix.



Our picture shows two placards carried at the Palo Alto railway station when Mr. Hoover and party was leaving on his South American trip. Three were arrested on charge of disturbing a public assemblage.



A scene from "The Wife's Relations" a film which may be shown in Hongkong shortly.



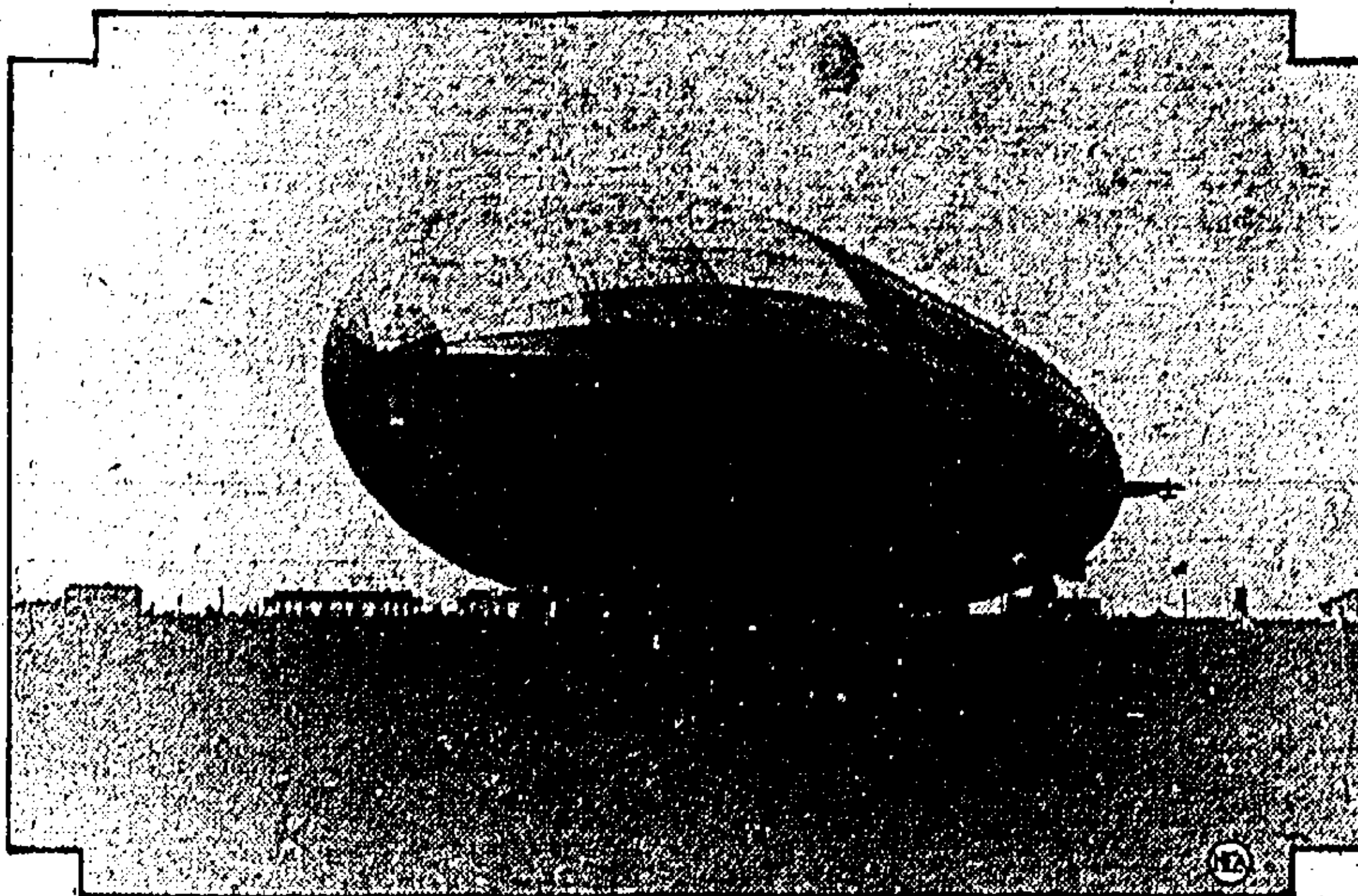
Mr. Katsuji Debuchi, the now Japanese Ambassador to the United States.



A common occurrence, but rarely photographed. Our picture shows a cat in a precarious perch, with Fido watching and waiting.



Japanese workmen are soon making sacred bows and arrows for the Coronation ceremony.



The Graf Zeppelin silhouetted against the sky as the dusk descends on Friedrichshafen. She is being drawn slowly to earth by the hangar crew.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1928.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February

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Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1928.

PLEASE NOTE.

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Lammert's Auctions.

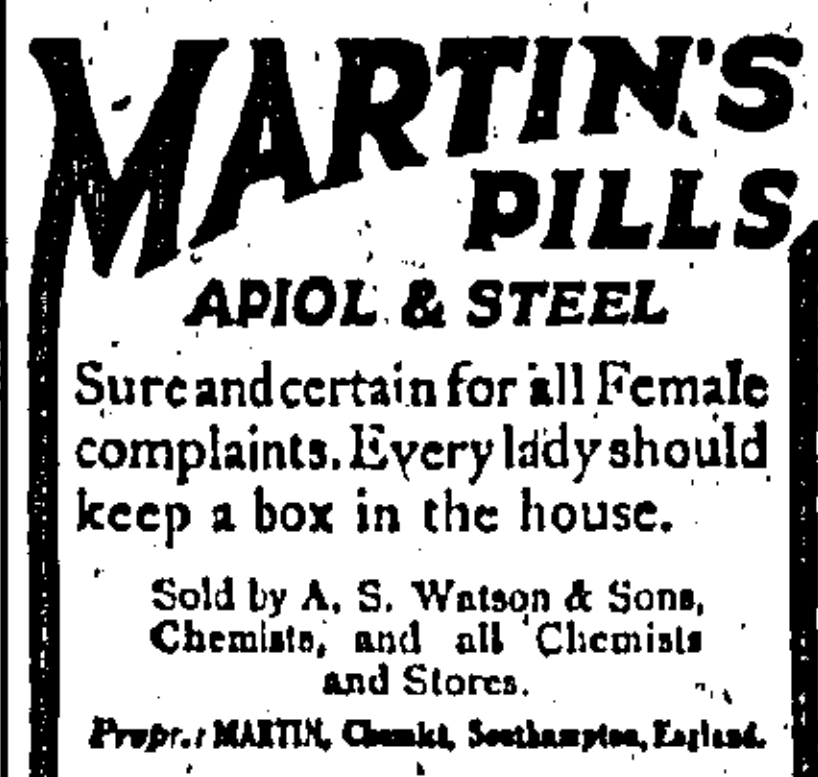
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 1st December)	Hector	December 24.
Straits	Suisang	December 24.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	December 24.
Shanghai and Amoy	Linan	December 24.
Straits	Hakone Maru	December 24.
Amoy	Talamba	December 25.
Japan	St. Albans	December 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	December 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Wilson	December 29.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers London 29th Nov.)	Kumgang	December 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	December 31.
Manila	President Jackson	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	January 1.
Shanghai	Mantua	January 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Mon., Dec. 24, K. P. O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 23rd Jan., 1929.)
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Pierce	Mon., Dec. 24, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 14th January.)
Amoy	Kiukiang	Mon., Dec. 24, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kalyan	Mon., Dec. 24, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Mon., Dec. 24, 4.30 p.m.
San Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	Mon., Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Pierce	Mon., Dec. 24, 6 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Pook Sek	Tues., Dec. 25, 0 a.m.
Amoy	Sinking	Tues., Dec. 25, 0 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Wed., Dec. 26, 0 a.m.
Japan	Sui Sang	Wed., Dec. 26, 0 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Yunnan	Wed., Dec. 26, 0 a.m.
Holbow	Kwangtung	Wed., Dec. 26, 0 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjisaroca	Wed., Dec. 26, 0 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Dec. 28, 2 p.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri., Dec. 28, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 12th January)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat., Dec. 29, K. P. O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 27th Jan. 1929.)
Swatow	Hopsang	Sat., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	Sat., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Kumgang	Sat., Dec. 29, 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco, and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jackson	Tues., Jan. 1, Registration Jan. 1, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 23rd Jan., 1929.)
Saloon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chenonceaux	Tues., Jan. 1, K. P. O. Registration 10 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Marseilles 1st February, 1929.)
Manila	President Taft	Tues., Jan. 1, noon
Japan	Protestant Thura	Jan. 3, 10.30 a.m.
Monahan, Laurence Marques and South Africa via Singapore	Kamakura Maru	Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Jan. 5, K. P. O. Registration 4th, 4.30 p.m. Letters 5th, 10 a.m. (Due Marseilles 1st Feb., 1929.)
		Registration 4th, 5 p.m. Letters 5th, 9.45 a.m. (Due Marseilles 1st Feb., 1929.)

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

CHURCH DESTROYED.

SPECTACULAR FIRE IN NEW YORK CITY.

New York, Dec. 23. The north river was lit up by a spectacular fire which has gutted the stone church being erected by Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., at a cost of \$2,000,000 for the Park Avenue Baptist Church. The carillon which Mr. Rockefeller bought in England as a memorial to his mother has not yet been removed from the old building and therefore escaped. Reuter's American Service.

COUNSEL SHOT.

STRASBOURG BUTCHER'S ATTACK IN PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 22. Mon. F. Achot, the prosecuting counsel in the recent trial of the Alsatian autonomists at Colmar, was attacked at his house in Paris and is suffering from serious bullet wounds in the chest. His assailant was Charles Benoit, a Strasbourg butcher. Interrogated by the police, Benoit

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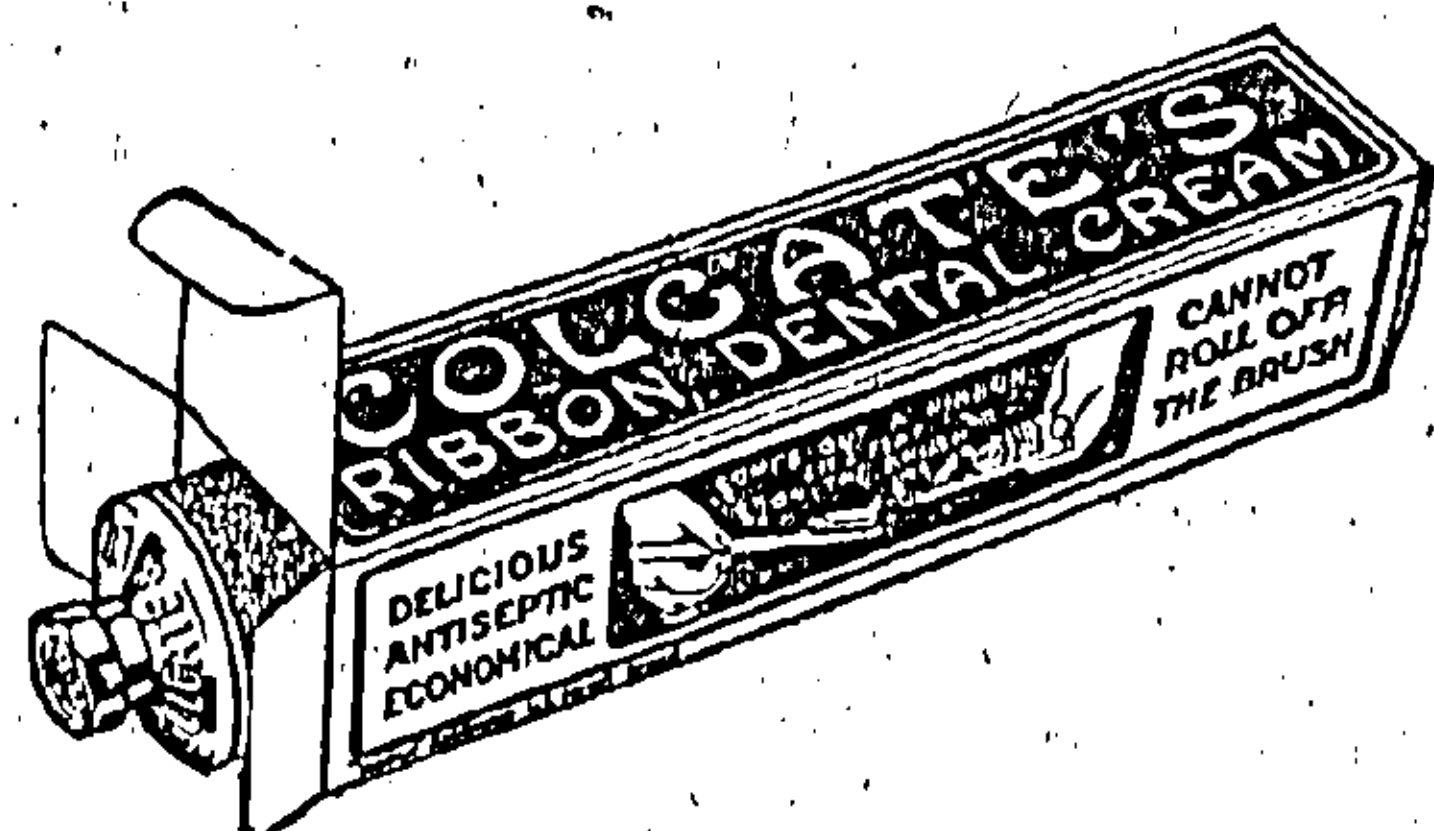
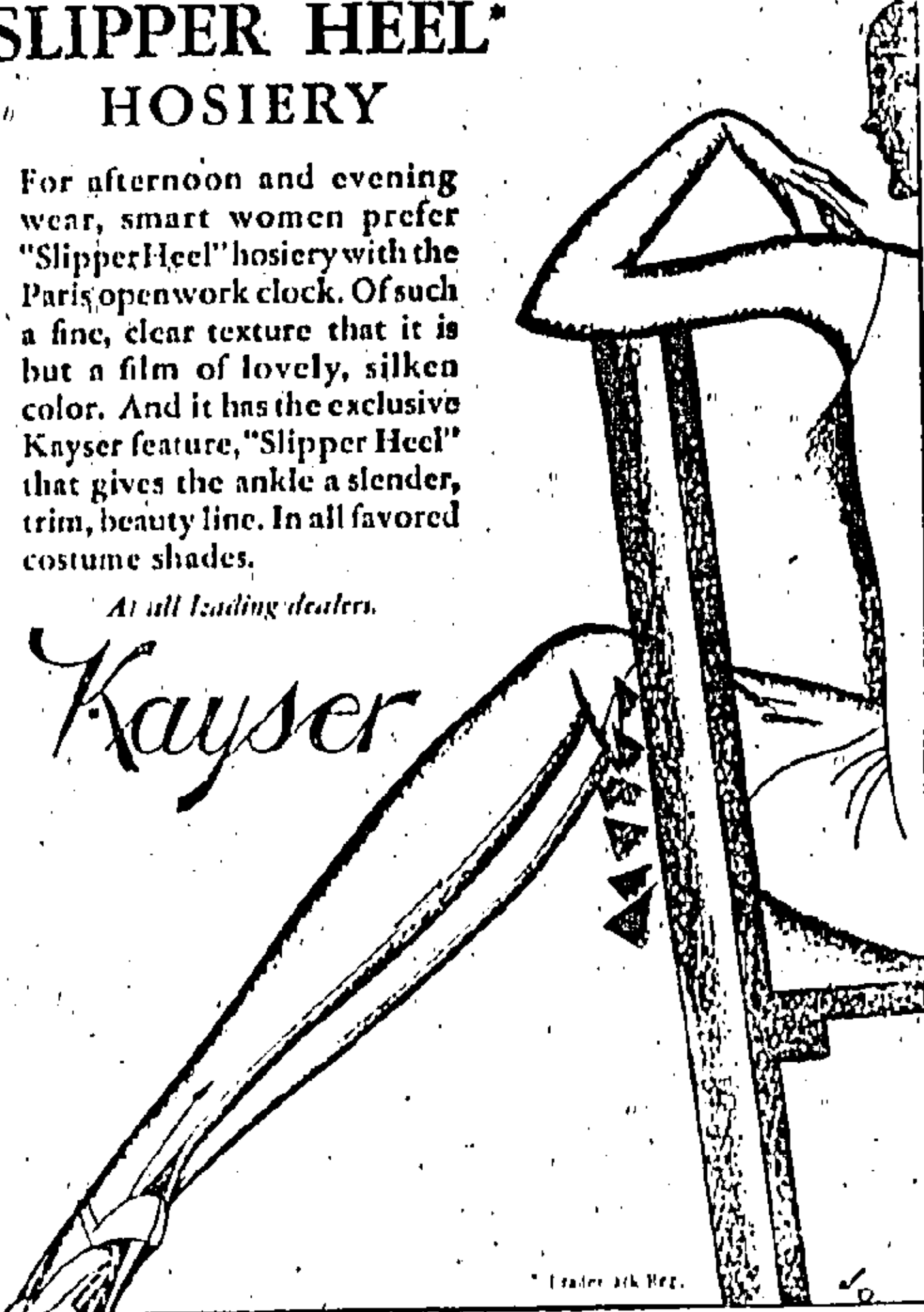
London, Dec. 22. A gas company authority believes that the danger of further explosions in Holborn has been overcome. Experts have decided not to flood the mains but to insert pressure bags, from which the air will be taken gradually, and thus the gas will escape slowly. Three workmen were gassed during the night but recovered. Home Office commissioners, consisting of two officials of the Government and one of the London County Council have been appointed. It is announced that they will ascertain the cause of the disaster. The question of legal responsibility is not within their province. The Holborn Council is endeavouring to saddle the Gas Light and Coke Company with the responsibility, but the latter deny liability and intend to lay a claim against the Post Office. Reuter. declared that he was an autonomist and his purpose was to save Alsace Lorraine.—Reuter.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashion Notes.

NEW BEADED FROCKS.

Exquisite workmanship distinguishes the new beaded frocks, while the shades introduced are really exquisite. Delicate mauves, blues, and pinks never look so well as when they are embroidered in crystals, tiny pearls, and strass, with colours chosen with the eye of an artist.

Draped skirts, outlined, pointed bodices, and quaint little apron effects are among the prettiest designs, while the embroideries themselves are infinitely discreet.

A frock seen for the older woman, in black shading to grey, and then, almost imperceptibly fading into white, was quite charming. The front, back, and sides of the skirt fell in delicately pointed panels, which gave added grace and dignity to the whole.

The Importance of the Shoe.

Shoes always have been an important item in a woman's toilette, but this year she will be even more careful in her choice. For one thing she will have much to choose from, both as regards styles and leathers—an *embarras de choix* indeed—and then, again, a great part will be played by colour schemes.

Satin shoes are having a great vogue, both for afternoon and evening wear. Indeed so many women seem to be wearing satin shoes for outdoor wear that one wonders how it is that any other kind of shoe is sold or chosen.

And, however cold the weather may be, the Parisienne insists upon wearing light little shoes with filmy silk stockings, beneath which in wintry weather the ankles look positively blue.



One of the daintiest evening dresses launched by a famous designer was carried out in white chiffon, with one shoulder strap composed of a double row of emeralds. A dropping cañon bow, fastened with an emerald buckle, adorned the other shoulder, while another emerald buckle fastened the narrow belt above the tucked and flaring skirt.



Some new neck finishes: at the top is the new back trimming, a flat band of the material outlining the rounded neck in front and tying in a loose bow at the back. Next you see a new way of wearing a high collar with charming and demure effect. And a striking flash to a light-coloured gown is found in the narrow scarf which is drawn through a ring set with imitation jewels.

Fashion Features.

BASQUES AGAIN IN FAVOUR.

Basques are appearing on the new autumn dress models, and of all the new features offered are proving the most alluring.

Tall or short, plump or lean, women are falling to them unhesitatingly. They are made in various materials from filmy tulle and coloured lace to heavy fur, and they have a decided charm. They are, moreover, a pretext for a slight pinch at the wearer's waist, just a suggestion of a waist line, nothing more pronounced than that, but it serves to mark the pretty outflowing line of the basque.

White Lamb as Ermine's Rival.

A two-piece suit, which is a modernized coat and skirt, had a basque of black Persian lamb, a fur that is dearer now than for a long time past. And, by the way, if you happen to have heard any strips of white lamb, now is the time to bring them out, for with their help you may vie successfully with a millionaire rival in ermine!

Perhaps you will be less pleased to learn of another new feature in the world of fashion, and that is the return of evening gloves—half length only, but that is enough.

Dress Grows More Ceremonious.

It was to be expected for trimmed dresses have a more ceremonious air than the beloved chemise-frock, and call for gloved hands.

According to a leading glover of Paris, women spend readily on gloves, however. He has a make of warmly lined doek in a pair cost two and a half guineas a pair and sell as readily as the ordinary walking glove at 10s. It is true they cost less than the cosy but still boycolled muff. When shall we be permitted to bring that out again?

Facial Treatment.

CAUSES OF DOUBLE CHINS.

A Grafton-street beauty specialist is at the moment paying special attention to the outlines of the face.

"The aftermath of sunburn is a slackening of the muscles—a fact that is not often recognised. I am therefore giving dozens of treatments each week with the special object of tightening up those muscles, and restoring the clean-cut lines of the face," she said.

"Nowadays one does not always use fattening creams for haggard faces, because the fashionable outline is lean and absolutely free from plumpness, unlike the round faces that were considered beautiful in early-Victorian times.

"Often, on the other hand, apparent fat—double chin, for instance—is simply due to the failure of certain muscles to do their work. A muscle treatment is therefore an essential of the work of restoring facial outlines.

Rolling Away Wrinkles.

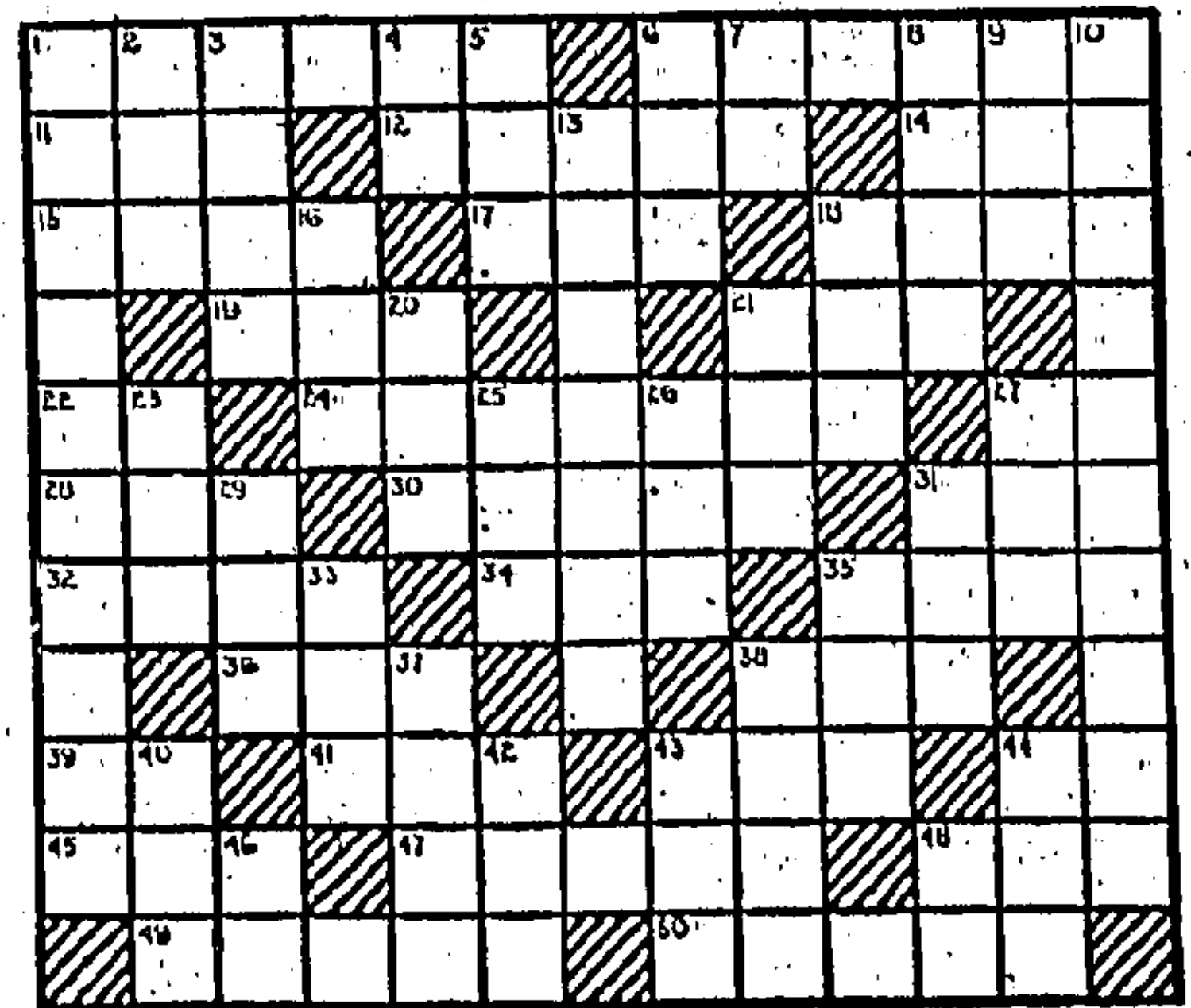
Sets of 6 little artificial ivory rollers, specially shaped to deal with the muscles of the nose, neck, lips, forehead and eyes, are provided for use at home, as I have found that amateurish massage makes many troubles, notably crowsfeet, worse instead of better.

"The use of the rollers is, of course, explained in the salon, 'upwards and outwards' being the general rule of direction. In this way the cream is driven down through the skin. The difficulty of home treatment is that people will use too much cream and leave it on the surface instead of working it into the skin."



The sharply diagonal neckline is featured on this useful little dress of printed silk, another smart note being the deep swathed sash finishing in a huge bow on the left hip.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 What American poet wrote "The First Snow Fall"?
- 6 To bray.
- 11 Rock containing meal.
- 12 Pertaining to the ear.
- 14 Since.
- 15 Sleeps lightly.
- 17 Diamond.
- 18 Breakwater.
- 19 To make type of lace.
- 21 Long rail.
- 22 Fourth note in the scale.
- 24 Who wrote the "Canterbury Tales"?
- 27 Exists.
- 28 To finish.
- 30 To follow.
- 31 Weapon from which an arrow was shot.
- 32 King of the beasts.
- 34 A spigot.
- 35 Form of lotto.
- 36 Sailor.
- 38 To rent.
- 39 Yellow Hawaiian bird.
- 41 Chatter.
- 43 Wages.
- 44 Preposition of place.
- 46 Pale.
- 47 What children's poet wrote the poem "Little Boy Blue"?
- 48 Tree having tough wood.
- 49 What poet wrote "The Human Seasons"?
- 50 Fifty-two weeks (pl.).

Vertical

- 1 What poet wrote "Hawthorne"?
- 2 English coin.
- 3 Cried.
- 4 Melancholy note in scale.
- 5 Ear of a pitcher.
- 6 Smoked thigh of a hog.

- 7 Dolly.
- 8 The covering of the human head.
- 9 Eon.
- 10 Who wrote the poem "We Are Seven"?
- 13 Denial of anything demanded.
- 16 Membranous bag.
- 18 Estimated perfect score for a golf hole.
- 20 Definite article.
- 21 Honey gathering insect.
- 23 Blackbird of the cuckoo family.
- 25 Social insect.
- 26 Mug.
- 27 Electrified particle.
- 29 Period.
- 31 To wag.
- 33 To scold constantly.
- 35 Who was the author of the "Star-Spangled Banner"?
- 37 A float.
- 38 To bail out as water.
- 40 Tree bearing acorns.
- 42 Twice.
- 43 To handle.
- 44 Almost a donkey.
- 46 Point of compass.
- 48 Measure of area.

Saturday's Solution.

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ACHE	DOE PORE
CURE	DEW EVER
AMEND	CRATE
TEAR	AREOLA
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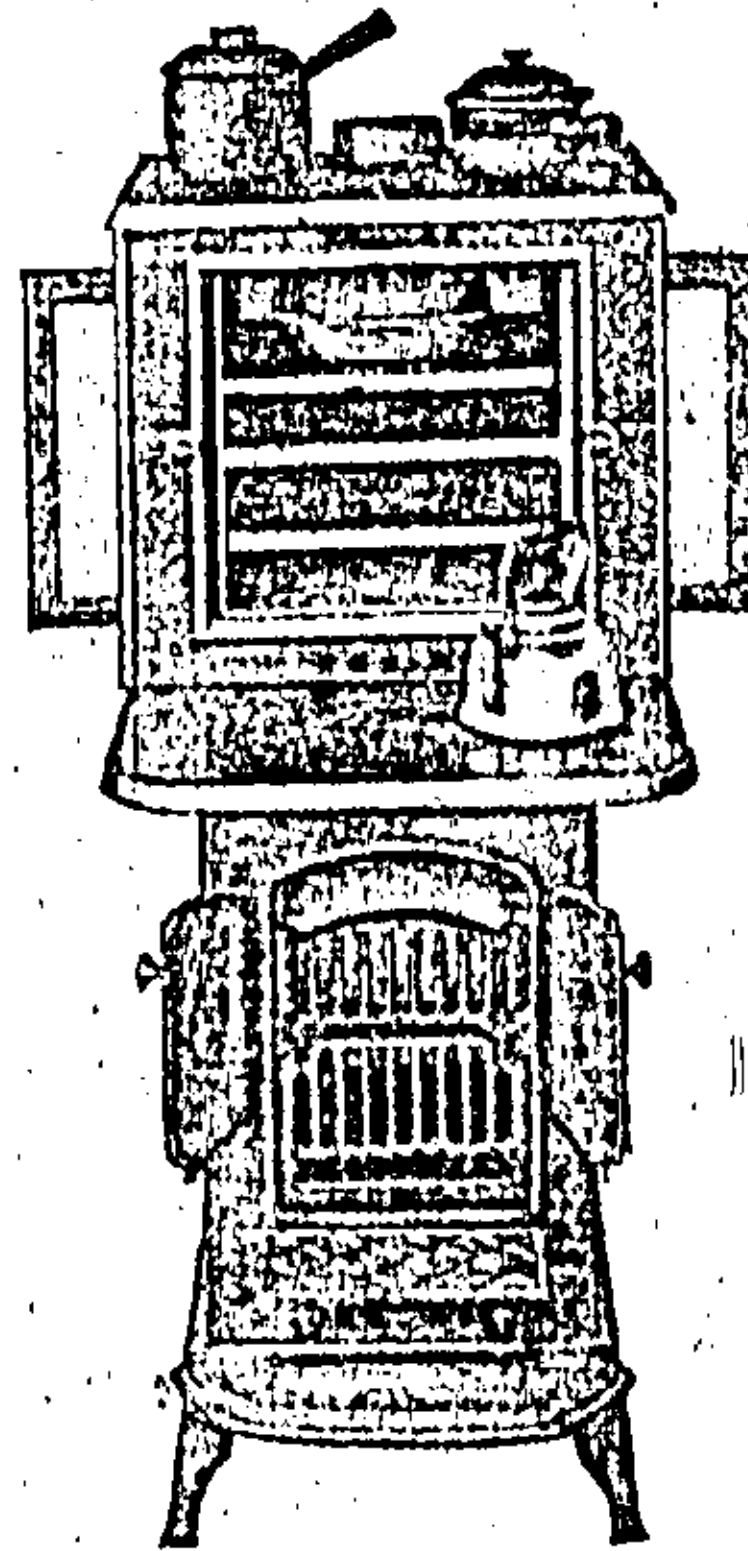
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The family of the late Mrs. Ismaenia Maria Leomard, tender sincere thanks to all who expressed sympathy in their recent bereavement. Also for floral tributes sent and attendance at the funeral.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, DEC. 24, 1928.

PARTY RIVALRY.

With the prospects of a General Election next year, we see from Home papers to hand that there is once again, in certain circles, a renewal of the suggestion that the Liberal and Labour Parties should come to some understanding with a view to preventing a possible return of the Baldwin Government. Much is being made of the necessity of the so-called Progressive forces uniting with this end in view, and amongst those who favour some sort of working arrangement is Mr. Philip Snowden, who has expressed the view that there is sufficient common ground between the two Parties to keep a Coalition Government going for at least five years. There is, however, considerable diversity of view between members and leaders of the two Parties, and neither the one nor the other appears willing to make a definite move towards actual co-operation.

One of the political writers suggests the immediate conclusion of a working agreement, to be operative in the not unlikely event of the two Parties holding a majority of the seats in the next Parliament, although he admits that whilst the moderate elements on both sides desire such an achievement they have but little faith in its accomplishment. Another commentator comes along with a suggestion that an attempt be made to secure an agreement for the single purpose of reforming the electoral laws by the introduction of the second ballot, or alternative vote, with the understanding that when this has been achieved the then Prime Minister should advise the dissolution of Parliament. The two Parties, it is suggested, could then, if they wished, resume their present hostility, relieved from any fear that their disagreements would result in a minority

Government being retained in office. In order to achieve this, the idea is thrown out that a joint committee of the leaders of the two Parties should meet to weigh the possibilities in each individual constituency, recent numerical records of the achievements of such Parliamentary divisions to be the deciding factor. The leaders, it is urged, should then advise the withdrawal of such candidates, for the one election only, whose chances are, on such evidence, the weakest. In the few instances where the question is an open one, both candidates should be permitted to go forward to the election, unless the local organisations could arrive at an amicable understanding. Figures of some of the recent bye-elections are cited to show that a large number of the rank and file of the two Parties are already following this line of action by refusing to vote for their own Party candidate where he has, in their opinion, no chance of being successful in a three-cornered fight.

The obvious reflection which all these suggestions for a Liberal-Labour understanding forces on one is that they are designed rather more with a view to overthrowing the Conservatives than for any other purpose. It is, perhaps, natural for the moderate elements in the Opposition Parties to stress the common ground which they share on many issues, but the other fact must not be lost sight of, that the great bulk of the rank and file in each hesitates to approve of any arrangement, which might endanger the separate existence of the Party to which they belong. Certainly can it be said that the extremists set their faces against an understanding of any kind whatsoever. Of the need of some reform of the electoral system, there can be no doubt, but we rather fear that this will have to wait until either the Liberal or the Labour Party comes into office again. Whilst both these Parties would much like to see the Conservatives ousted, we think the prospect of a working agreement being concluded in time to have any marked effect on the next Election is rather remote.

China And Aviation.

Canton's exceedingly enthusiastic reception of the Ryan monoplane, "Spirit of Canton," after her highly successful long distance relay flight, is but a minor indication of the interest awakened in China in the possibilities of aviation. Nothing, in recent times, is more remarkable than the manner in which the Chinese have approached this most modern development of the West, and if the signs are read aright, the encouragement given in the south to aerial transport facilities is spreading rapidly. There would seem to be good ground for the suggestion made in an American paper recently that China is about to "jump" the automobile age and pass direct from the cart and railway to the aeroplane and all that it embraces. Motor-car manufacturers are, of course, making big inroads all over China, and they may still find a lucrative field, but it seems almost certain that long before the motor-car has become to China what it is to the West, aviation will have found acceptance as a common means of conveyance. The explanation is simple enough. The absence of any first-class trunk motor-roads, the many limitations of the railways, give the aeroplane a place to fill that it would be unable to find in any other country in the world. To link up Canton with Hankow, for instance, by regular air traffic would mean that mails and passengers could reach the Wuhan city in just over seven hours, when it would take the ordinary traveller under ordinary circumstances approximately seven days. Similar situations exist between many important cities, and except with the expenditure of huge sums in the development of road facilities, the aeroplane provides the only solution to the problem. General Cheung Wai-cheung has scored a triumph along which there will be regular air traffic if China seizes her opportunity, though as Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler has pointed out, caution must be the watchword at this stage lest a mistake should ruin all the excellent pioneer work. By the freer use of speedier transportation, it may be that the North and South will be brought closer to each other, to end the distinctions which have caused almost perpetual strife from time immemorial.

HOW TO RUN A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The most successful parties are those which are made up of children or grown-up people of nearly the same age. It is fatal to success to invite to the same party children of six and seven with boys and girls of sixteen and seventeen, or young people in the twenties with their fathers and mothers and uncle and aunt. The most difficult of all parties for a hostess to arrange is that composed solely of relations of greatly varying ages. When grandfathers and grandmothers, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins are gathered together, there is too often a tendency to indulge in criticism and even grumbling, and it is exceedingly hard for the hostess to keep them all amused and happy all the time. The only thing to do is to provide entertainment for each section—simple nursery games for the tiny tots, exciting games for the schoolboys and girls, dancing for the young people, and old-fashioned games and music for the older folk. The hostess will, however, find it easier to hold one or two small parties instead of one large one. Children of varying ages are especially difficult to mix. Modern children in their teens care little for games. Their chief interest is dancing. They are, therefore, rather impatient if tiny children are invited to the same party as themselves, and the little ones have their enjoyment spoiled if the room has to be given up to dancing instead of games.

When arranging a party for little children, have it in the afternoon, from three o'clock to six, for instance. Remove everything breakable out of the room and let there be plenty of space. The best place for a nursery party is the nursery, which can be prettily decorated with Christmas decorations for the occasion. Small children always love balloons, and a very festive appearance can be given to a room by suspending balloons from the ceiling. Afterwards the balloons can be distributed to the little guests. The simple, old-fashioned games, such as Nuts and May, Ring a Ring o' Roses and Oranges and Lemons, are best for the tiny tots, although even small children dance nowadays, and some of them may like to perform their fancy dances.

Serve tea early in the afternoon. The table should be very gay and the food exceedingly simple. Holly and mistletoe, lots of crackers, red crinkled paper, little figures of Father Christmas with laden sacks or with his sleigh drawn by reindeer, snowballs, etc., can all be utilised to decorate the table. A little gaily ornamented Christmas tree makes a charming centre-piece. Great care must be taken to see that there is no danger of anything catching alight. Naked candles, cotton-wool, and celluloid toys should never be used.

There should be some plates of thin bread and butter, but not too many. Some children are very fond of thin bread and butter, others think it very unsuitable for a party! More festive are scones cut in half, spread with butter or cream and decorated with a big blob of red jam. Children think sandwiches very grown-up and grand, so let there be plenty of sandwiches. Fillings of honey, lemon-curd, grated chocolate, home-made jam, and dates (washed and stoned) will sure to be appreciated. Then there should be plenty of coloured jellies and creams—some can be made in small moulds or cases and ornamented with cherries. Orange jellies served in halved orange skins are always popular. Sponge cakes and cherry cakes are the best cakes for children, and plenty of variety can be obtained. Sponge sandwiches can be iced with simple water icings with different flavours, such as lemon, orange, chocolate, and vanilla. The Christmas cake should be a simple cherry or Madeira mixture, iced with white water icing and very gaily decorated with Father Christmas, holly and flags, etc.

After tea there should be some big surprise for the little ones. A Christmas tree bearing a gift for each child, in a room hitherto unvisited; a visit from Father Christmas, a bran-tub, a conjurer, a person to tell the children stories, a treasure hunt—these are but a few of many ways there are of giving children a delightful surprise just before they leave for home.

If there are older children in the same family it sometimes save trouble if they have their party on the same day as their younger brothers and sisters, but later in the evening. If the little ones leave at 6 or 6.30 and the older guests do not arrive until 7 or 7.30, there is time to tidy the rooms and lay a supper-table or arrange a buffet in between the two parties. Boys and girls in the middle teens like an evening party. It can end at 10.30 or a little earlier or later, according to the age of the guests. If a sit-down supper is provided, serve it at the beginning of a party. It is, how-

DAY BY DAY.

The next issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will be on Boxing Day. We taken this opportunity of wishing our readers a Merry Christmas.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the President Pierce from Manila were Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Rodgers and children, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. White, and Mr. W.L. Marshall.

Only one case of small-pox (from Shaokwan) was reported over the week-end, this being the first sign of any abatement of the outbreak. A Chinese case of enteric, and a Portuguese case of puerperal fever are also reported.

The new Harbour Department launch, *Lila*, built by Messrs. W.S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., ran her trials in Kowloon Bay on Friday and in every way came up to expectations. She is of a very high standard, both in design and accommodation.

We learn that the Talkoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd., has secured a contract for a new launch for the Cheung Chau ferry service. This vessel is to be equipped with Gardner engines, for which Messrs. Dodwell and Co. have cabled an order Home.

To-day, all departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will remain open till 7 p.m. On Christmas Day, all departments will be closed. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Among the passengers leaving on Saturday on the P. and O. s.s. *Naldora* were Mr. R. C. Banks, Mr. O. T. Breakpear, Mr. and Mrs. T. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cadman, Capt. O. H. Farrar, Mr. G. A. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Law, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lucey, Col. and Mrs. G. MacLaren, Surg. Lieut. J. G. Macguire, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. B. McDermott, Mr. T. R. Murdoch, Lieut. A. T. Phillips, Mr. G. R. Randle, Mr. H. C. Resker, Mr. W. G. Riddle, Mr. W. J. Somerville, Lieut. Comdr. K. P. Stewart and Miss N. Wentworth.

ever, less trouble to serve light refreshments during the evening. If these are varied and attractive the boys and girls will enjoy them more than a formal supper. If two rooms can be spared for the party, clear them of furniture as much as possible. Roll up and remove rugs and carpets, place heavy furniture flat against the walls, and take small articles out of the rooms. Use the larger room for dancing and games and the smaller for refreshments. These can be arranged on a long table against the wall. Sandwiches, both sweet and savory, are always appreciated. Bridge rolls spread with various mixtures are less trouble to make than bread and butter sandwiches, and make a nice change. Brown bread should be used as well as white. Cream cheese and chopped walnuts, sardines mixed with a little butter or cream, egg and cream, various meat and poultry pastes, dates, raisins, and chocolate are a few of the fillings usually liked. Chocolate biscuits, fancy cakes, petits fours, macaroons, and meringues should be provided, and plenty of jellies, fruit salads, simple trifles and creams. Home-made lemon squash, orangeade, iced coffee, and similar drinks are required, and chocolates, crystallised and fresh fruits, and nuts are always appreciated by young people. Let there be plenty of small chairs, stools, and floor cushions on which the guests can sit while enjoying the refreshments. Ices, of course, are always popular, and if one has a refrigerator they can easily be made at home. All food and drink should be prepared early in the day of the party, or the previous day, and if possible a good number of helpers should be secured.

Dancing is so popular with boys and girls of all ages that there is little need to arrange games. A few competitions between the dances sometimes cause much amusement. If you have a gramophone it is easy to provide plenty of good dance music, for the dance records of to-day are varied and excellent. The wireless can also be turned on with good results when dance music is being broadcast. The floor of the room used for dancing needs attention some time before the party.

On a hardwood polished floor the ordinary polishing should be discontinued a week or so before the dance. Clean the floor with a bristle brush to remove any gritty dust, and then treat it with ballroom powder. Do not make the floor too slippery. Unpolished boards should be pinned of any rough places, the floor scrubbed, allowed to dry, and then rubbed with French chalk. Linoleum is excellent for dancing if sparingly sprinkled with chalk.

The Very Idea!

Mr. Charles H. Guphill, of Bates University, United States, and a member of the university debating team which was entertained by the Cambridge Union, said that in the course of the team's travel over most of the British Empire it had been called upon to defend its country's action in

Signing the Treaty of Versailles and refusing to ratify it; Founding the League of Nations and refusing to join it; and Inventing the cocktail and refusing to drink it.

Prohibition, he maintained, was no more an infringement upon personal liberties than many other things that people put up with nowadays, and among other advantages, it had given romance and adventure to the drinking of those whom it had not stopped.

The discussion was opened by Mr. J. G. Leatham, St. John's Cambridge, who said prohibition failed because it did not deal with the desire for drink.

Motor-cyclist, summoned at Pango; I don't know much about these machines. Chairman: Very well, we will allow you a discount for your ignorance. Pay £1.

Plaintiff at Bow County Court: His motor-cyclo made a hole in the panel of my car big enough to put my head through.—Defendant: No, certainly not. At any rate not large enough to put your head through.

A Wilkesden wife: Only last week my husband was fined 40s. for assaulting me and he said it was cheap and well worth £5.

A man at West London County Court: I engrave my wife to make her swear at me.

[The price of a common cold has been adjudged at £50 by a French Tribunal.]

Though a troublesome catarrh all your pleasure seems to mar,

And your heavy head grows hourly dense and denser,

And, with eyelids raw and red, you decide to go to bed

And to take a dozen cures for influenza,

Be an optimist, my lad; things are really not so bad,

(Though deplorable, no doubt, you think your state is);

What you hold has been assessed as worth fifty of the best—

And it's ten to one that you acquired it gratis.

What a beautiful set of summer furs. Your husband must have a better job now.

"No, I have a better husband now."

Mrs. Flora Annie Steel writes to a Home paper:—I have kept dogs for 70 years. My dachs Otto was a young clever dog; he did endless tricks. One day my daughter asked me to make Otto do his yawn-trick to amuse some girls. I found the dog absolutely sulky. Those who know dachshunds will know what that implies. I was busy. I had no time for a fight n' outrage. So I gave Otto a cuff, and said "Go to your sulky place."

And left, seeing him slink under the sofa, his recognized retreat.

Whether he emerged therefrom in quarter, or half, or an hour as was his custom with a broad smile announcing recovery of temper I know not. I forgot all about him till I came to cover him up at night. Then he refused to get into his basket. I spent five minutes asking what was the matter. He was adamant in sulkeness. Suddenly he sat up, yawned, smiled radiantly, and hopped into bed. The sun had not gone down upon his wrath.

A story that suggests much concerning mental process on dim brains.

Editor—"Did you make up this joke yourself?"

Contributor—"Yes, I did."

Editor—"Well, you don't look it."

Contributor—"Look what?"

Editor—"250 years old."

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 23.
Brussels	34.87½
Amsterdam	12.09
Paris	124.05
Berlin	20.30
Copenhagen	18.18
Vienna	34.40½
Helsingfors	102½
Lisbon	100½
Bucharest	803½
Buenos Aires	475/10
Shanghai	2/7
Yokohama	1/10½
New York	4.85 15/32
Geneva	25.10½
Milan	92.05
Stockholm	18.11
Oslo	18.18
Praque	103½
Madrid	20.78½
Athens	37½
Rio	5½
Bombay	1/6 1/2 1/4
Hongkong	2/6 1/2
Silver (spot)	25.5/10
Silver (forward)	25.7/10

—British Wireless.

CANTON BILLIARDS.

CLUB LUSITANO WINS THE CUP.

As was expected, the Club Lusitano defeated the Canton Club with ease, thus winning for the second year in succession the Masonic Cup, put up in 1927 by Mr. W. R. Farmer. Should they win it again next year, they will become the definite owners of the Cup.

In their last match against the Canton Club the scores were as follows:

Club Lusitano	
F. M. Ozorio	222
A. E. Oamund	250
D. Castilho	250
H. A. Alonco	250
J. Montalto	250
	1,222

Canton Club

Canton Club	
A. T. Lay	250
D. Latimer	197
G. C. Kitching	206
J. Band	187
Wm. Seifert	233
	1,073

The final placings are as follows:

- 1st.—Club Lusitano, 4,916.
2nd.—Canton Club, 4,485.
3rd.—Canton Masonic Club, 3,735.

Actually the Club Lusitano only lost three games out of twenty played and only dropped 84 points out of 5,000.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home Football, as cable by Reuters, are:

Division I.			
Arsenal	3	Burnley	1
Birmingham	5	Leeds	1
Blackburn	2	Cardiff	0
Bolton	5	Leicester	0
Derby	3	Bury	1
Everton	5	Newcastle	2
Huddersfield	4	West Ham	0
Manchester C.	2	Liverpool	3
Portsmouth	3	Manchester U.	0
Wednesday	1	Aston Villa	1
Sunderland	4	Sheffield U.	1
Division II.			
Barnsley	2	Millwall	2
Blackpool	3	Wolves	0
Bradford	2	Oldham	0
Bristol C.	2	Port Vale	1
Chelsea	1	Notts. County	1
Clapton O.	1	Reading	1
Grimsby	1	Middlesbrough	1
Notts. Forest	3	Hull	1
Stoke	1	Preston N. E.	1
Swansea	1	Southampton	1
West. Brom.	3	Tottenham	2
Division III (South).			
Bournemouth	4	Plymouth	1
Brentford	1	Fulham	2
Brighton	1	Crystal Pal.	0
Charlton	5	Walsall	0
Coventry	2	Bristol R.	0
Exeter	1	Swindon	0
Luton	3	Queen's P. R.	2
Merthyr	2	Gillingham	0
Northampton	3	Worcester	0
Norwich	3	Newport	1
Southend	3	Torquay	0
Division III (North).			
Ashington	1	Lincoln	1
Barrow	2	Stockport	0
Chesterfield	4	Tranmere	0
Darlington	4	Hartlepool	0
Doncaster	1	Halifax	0
Nelson	0	Accrington	2
New Brighton	2	Wigan	2
Rochdale	2	Rotherham	1
Southport	4	Carlisle	1
Sth. Shields	1	Bradford C.	1
Wrexham	1	Crew	2
Scottish League.			
Airdrie	0	Celtic	1
Ayr	3	Third Lanark	0
Clyde	2	Cowdenhenth	0
Dundee	0	Partick T.	0
Falkirk	2	St. Johnstone	0
Hamilton	3	Hearts	2
Thornhill	1	Kilmarnock	0
Queen's Park	6	Aberdeen	2
Raith R.	2	Motherwell	1
Rangers	1	St. Mirren	1

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

AN EASY WIN FOR STEWART.

In the final of the Golf Championship at Fanning yesterday, A. B. Stewart scored a comfortable win over R. H. Hollis, securing the honour by 8 and 7. This is Stewart's fourth championship victory.

The expected happened when Stewart won, for although his opponent has been playing good golf latterly, and more will no doubt be heard of him in future, the winner has had much more experience. The standard of play was not too good, and some of the putting was distinctly poor.

Stewart turned three up in the morning round, being 40 to Hollis' 43, whilst at the end of the morning's play he was five up.

At the fifth hole in the afternoon, Hollis had recovered some ground, being only three down, but Stewart then took five holes in succession, eventually winning by 8 and 7.

At 11:15 a.m. yesterday, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, the new Captain, played himself in according to time-honoured custom.

THE FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

GOOD SPORT SEEN ON SATURDAY.

There was some excellent sport seen at the Fanning Hunt Steeplechases on Saturday, ideal weather favouring the meeting. Amongst those present were H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern, as well as H.E. Major General Luard and Miss Luard. Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades won the Ladies' Plate, which was subsequently presented to the winner by Mrs. Southern. The results were:

Race 1.—Christmas Maiden, about 1 mile on inside course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For all China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Lt.-Col. Conyn's Grey Eyes.

Mr. Stanton and Reddy's Target (Mr. Reddy) 2
Major Lake's As You Like It (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3
Also ran: Mr. Stanton's Chiot (Dr. Macgown); Mrs. Charles May (Mr. Clark); Mr. Morgan's Newfoundland (Mr. Morgan); Mr. Beck's Strathlone (Mr. McCartney); Mr. Mattingley's Tarzall (Mr. Shillington).

Part-mutuel: Winner \$55.50; places, 1st \$10.80; 2nd \$6.00; 3rd \$11.60.

Winner Places
Target 67 54
Newfoundland 52 52
As You Like It 19 16
Grey Eyes 14 13
Tarzall 8 9
Strathlone 6 9
Chiot 3 6

Race 2.—United Services Race, about 1 mile on "national" course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Catch weights 160 lbs. Winners at Kwantli this season 7 lbs. penalty. To be ridden by officers of H.M.S. Purves or members of H.M.V.D.C.

Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg (Mr. Abel-Smith) 1
Lt.-Col. Conyn's Durham (Mr. Shillington) 2
Major Lake's Tap Sue (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 3

Also ran: Mr. Potts's Crabvoad (Mr. Durrant); Dr. Durrant's Dyade (Mr. Durrant); Mr. Mattingley's Jumbell (Mr. Mattingley); Mr. Hec Cheong's Man-of-War (Mr. Backhouse); Messrs. Stanton and Reddy's Six Hundred (Mr. Morgan).

Part-mutuel: Winner \$10.80; places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$11.00; 3rd \$20.40.

Winner Places
James Pigg 77 81
Dumbell 37 36
Crabvoad 34 30
Durham 17 20
Six Hundred 15 20
Man-of-War 6 7
Tap Sue 5 9
Drake 4 6

Race 3.—Ladies' Plate, about 1 1/2 miles on "national" course. For a plate presented by the ladies of the Fanning Hunt; 2nd \$75, 3rd \$25. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale.

Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Mr. Shillington) 1
Messrs. Stanton and Reddy's Mowgli (Mr. Reddy) 2
Major Lake's Solitaire (Dr. Macgown) 3

Also ran: Mr. Macnamara's Caesar (Mr. Backhouse); Mr. Macnamara's Caesar (Mr. Backhouse); Lt.-Col. Conyn's Little River (Mr. Morgan).

Part-mutuel: Winner \$15.00; places, 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$5.60; 3rd \$7.10.

Winner Places
Mowgli 123 97
Ace of Spades 77 86
Solitaire 22 23
Little River 15 24
Caesar 15 15
Caviare 10 17

Race 4.—Christmas Handicap, about 1 1/2 miles on "national" course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies. Mr. Hasting's My Lady.

Messrs. Stanton and Reddy's Aristophanes (Mr. Charles) 1
Mr. Stanton's Loch Rannoch (Mr. Reddy) 2

Also ran: Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call (Mr. Shillington); Dr. Pierce Grey's Slang River (Mr. Clark).

Part-mutuel: Winner \$9.50; places, 1st \$3.50; 2nd \$8.40.

Winner Places
My Lady 126 100
Aristophanes 70 55
Loch Rannoch 45 54
Slang River 17 23
Fire Call 10 24

Race 5.—Also Ran Stakes, about 7 furlongs on inside course. Winner \$75, 2nd \$25. For China ponies that have started at Kwantli this season and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this meeting allowed 5 lbs.

Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell (Mr. Shillington) 1
Major Lake's As You Like It (Mr. Scott-Elliott) 2

Mrs. Charles May (Mr. Charles) 3
Also ran: Lt.-Col. Conyn's Borderer (Mr. Clark); Mr. Macnamara's Caesar (Mr. Backhouse); Dr. Macgown's Honeycomb (Dr. Macgown); Mr. Greenbol's Shella (Mr. Erskine); Mr. Beck's Strathlone (Mr. McCartney).

Part-mutuel: Winner \$7.00; places, 1st \$3.10; 2nd \$10.70; 3rd \$8.20.

Winner Places
Dumbell 145 108
As You Like It 13 21
May 12 37
Caesar 8 12
Shella 4 10
Honeycomb 3 5
Strathlone 2 4

THE CASH SWEEPS.

Results of Drawings Show Small Returns.

The following is the result of the \$5 cash sweeps:

ESTATE OF OVER \$2,000,000.

PROBATE GRANTED TO ONE SON.

Another grant of probate has been made in respect of the estate of Chan Shek-shan, late of No. 33, Connaught Road Central, who died on December 16, 1924, leaving Hongkong estate to the value of \$2,067,300.

Originally, on May 28, 1925, probate was granted to Chan

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

The Government took steps early in 1844 to disperse squatters who erected temporary buildings without permission?

It was intimated that as a large number of Chinese had settled along Queen's Road and other parts of the waterfront and erected mudsheds and wooden houses without permission and without paying rent to the Crown, the Surveyor-General had been instructed to give them notice to remove themselves and their structures within a reasonable time, otherwise they would be evicted.

Leung-shi, widow, Chan Ho-shi, concubine, and Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo and Lo, solicitors, Power was then reserved for making a like grant to four sons on attaining their majority, and one other.

Probate has now been granted to a son, Chan Kan-yung, when the estate which is still to be administered amounts to \$917,412.30. The will contained family bequests.

Race I.
No. 18 \$70.70
.. 22 22.20
.. 24 10.10
Unplaced runners (\$5 each) Nos: 42, 10, 7, 33, 20.

Race II.
No. 31 \$100.10
.. 6 28.60
.. 24 14.30
Unplaced runners (\$10 each) Nos: 14, 38, 27, 26, 20.

Race III.
No. 39 \$151.00
.. 24 43.40
.. 26 21.70
Unplaced runners (\$10 each) Nos: 9, 24, 3.

Race IV.
No. 27 \$70.90
.. 43 51.40
.. 43 25.70
Unplaced runners (\$20 each) Nos: 66, 12.

Race V.
No. 102 \$233.80
.. 38 66.80
.. 96 33.40
Unplaced winners (\$25 each) Nos: 93, 44, 90, 68, 4.

Special Sweep.
The \$1 "big" cash sweep on the fourth race at Fanning yesterday resulted:

No. 5,205 \$2,416.40
.. 2,560 690.40
.. 2,592 345.20
Unplaced runners (\$27.40 each) Nos: 4,462, 5,086, 2,538, 4,784, 81, 2,223, 6,204, 5,083, 5,322, 4,971, 3,701, 4,921, 2,973, 6,422.

"TOM JONES" SEASON CONCLUDES.

PHILHARMONIC TO PRODUCE "PATIENCE" SHORTLY.

The Theatre Royal was packed on Saturday night, when the Philharmonic Society gave its final performance of the popular opera, "Tom Jones."

The production was the crowning success of the season's run. Principals and chorus alike were in happy mood, and many of the musical numbers had to be repeated, so delighted were the audience. On all hands there was evidence of the deep appreciation of those present, in which connection it should be stated that Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., was responsible for the entire design of scenery, and the colouring design of the whole production.

At the close of the performance there were scenes of much enthusiasm. Bouquets, floral baskets and other tributes were handed to the principals amidst much applause, whilst in response to persistent demands Mr. R. R. Davies, the producer, who had worked so hard to make the show such a success, appeared on the stage and was given a regular ovation by the players and audience alike.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., the President of the Society, also appeared and in a bright and humorous speech thanked the public for the support accorded to the show. He spoke enthusiastically of the really wonderful success achieved in face of very few weeks' preparation and in particular publicly thanked Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, the Hon. Musical Director, for his services, remarking that, but for him, neither "Merric, England" nor "Tom Jones" could possibly have been produced.

Mr. Hornell also took the opportunity of announcing that the Society would be producing Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" in March, and made an appeal for more members, saying he was convinced that both in Hongkong and Kowloon there were many residents, hiding their talents, who could be of real service in the coming production.

MISSING OFFICER.

BODY RECOVERED FROM WHANGPOO.

The fate of Surgeon Lieutenant H. J. Scott, M.B., R.N., of H.M.S. Cricket, who had not been seen since he left the Palace Cafe in the French Concession at Shanghai at 4 o'clock on the morning of Friday, December 14, has now been settled.

For some days little hope was held out that he was alive, and a letter's message received from Shanghai yesterday states that his dead body has been recovered from the Whangpoo near the Nanking Road jetty. There were no signs of foul play and it is considered probable that he fell in while searching for a sampan and was drowned.

It is notified that on and after 1st January, 1929, the Hongkong Coast Station Charge for radio-telegrams to river and local coasting steamers will no longer be subject to the minimum charge for 10 words which has hitherto been collected.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR HOLIDAYS.

The starting times for golf at Fanning on Christmas Day are:

9.24 a.m.—A. R. Cox and A. Webster.
9.28 a.m.—I. H. Geare and H. U. Ireland.
9.32 a.m.—L. R. Andrews and N. L. Smith.
9.36 a.m.—F. A. Merry and R. H. Hollis.
9.40 a.m.—W. J. Clerk and D. Forbes.
9.44 a.m.—L. Yates and H. C. Shambol.
9.48 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and I. W. Shewan.
9.52 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and J. H. Dovey.
9.56 a.m.—E. M. Bryden and G. Davidson.
10.00 a.m.—A. Morley and E. P. Fletcher.
10.04 a.m.—L. Garner and G. E. Mitchell.
10.08 a.m.—W. A. Stewart and G. K. Horridge.
10.12 a.m.—H. G. Howard and W. L. Alexander.
10.16 a.m.—T. Low and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.28 a.m.—D. Ellis and O. I. Ellis.

Boxing Day.

The times for Boxing Day are as follows:

9.24 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and J. M. Walker.
9.28 a.m.—B. J. Lacom and E. Kern.
9.32 a.m.—N. L. Smith and L. R. Andrews.
9.36 a.m.—I. H. Geare and C. T. Fowle.
9.40 a.m.—A. H. Ferguson and H. G. Sheldon.
9.44 a.m.—A. B. Raworth and T. H. King.
9.48 a.m.—A. Leach and F. A. Merry.
9.52 a.m.—A. B. Purves and H. U. Ireland.
9.56 a.m.—L. Blackburn and W. S. McKinlay.
10.00 a.m.—W. Paterson and G. E. Smith.
10.04 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and C. W. Jeffries.
10.08 a.m.—S. J. H. Fox and H. N. Laver.
10.12 a.m.—T. L. Christie and D. J. Gilmore.
10.16 a.m.—H. Spleer and D. Forbes.
10.20 a.m.—W. K. Tait and E. P. Fletcher.
10.24 a.m.—J. Newton and D. G. G. MacDonald.
10.28 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and K. S. Robertson.
10.32 a.m.—L. Garner and G. Towns.
10.36 a.m.—S. H. Lewis and G. E. Mitchell.
10.40 a.m.—C. B. Johnson and J. D. Humphreys.

BRITISH COAL IN GERMANY.

IMPORTERS FINED FOR EXCEEDING QUOTA.

Berlin, Nov. 28.
The coal war in the "unsheltered" areas of Germany between British imports and home produce form the background of an important action which was heard in a Hamburg court yesterday.

What had to be determined was whether this war was being carried on by "loyal and legal" means. The Court by its judgment found that it was not. Two directors of the firm Schiffahrt und Kohlen, Ltd., were charged with importing 32,000 tons of British coal in contravention of the regulations, and were sentenced each to fines of 964,491 marks (\$48,224) or six months' imprisonment in lieu, and were condemned to 482,245 marks (\$24,112) damages.

The substance of the charge was that they exceeded their monthly quotas, though they did not exceed the total of these quotas added together for a period of twelve months. The contention of the prosecution, which was accepted by the Court, was that a deficiency in one month was not transferable as an addition to the imports of another month.

The defendants have appealed and German coal circles are anxiously awaiting the result.

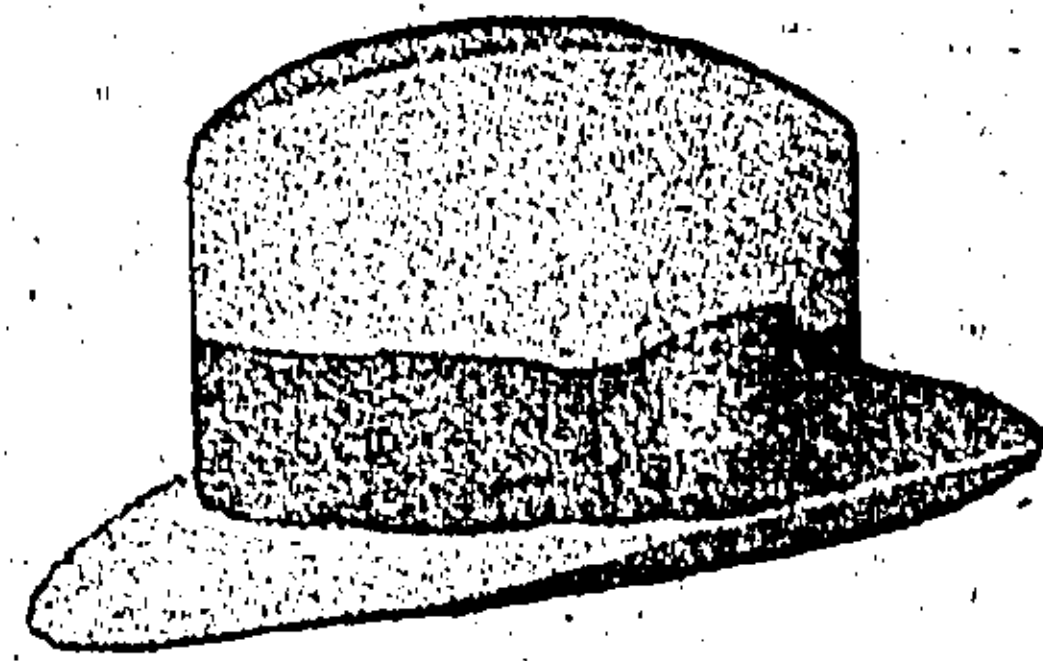
German unemployment Rise.

The approach of winter has been accompanied as usual by a sharp rise in the German unemployment figures, which increased from 593,000 on October 15 to 671,000 on November 15. This increase, while mainly seasonal, has undoubtedly been stimulated by the iron conflict in the Ruhr.

But unemployment at present stands at a substantially higher level than at the corresponding period of last year, when 395,000 unemployed were registered on November 15.

Coal and Corn and Finance Committee of the City of London Corporation recommend a grant of £5,000 towards the establishment of a Dominion students' collegiate hall.

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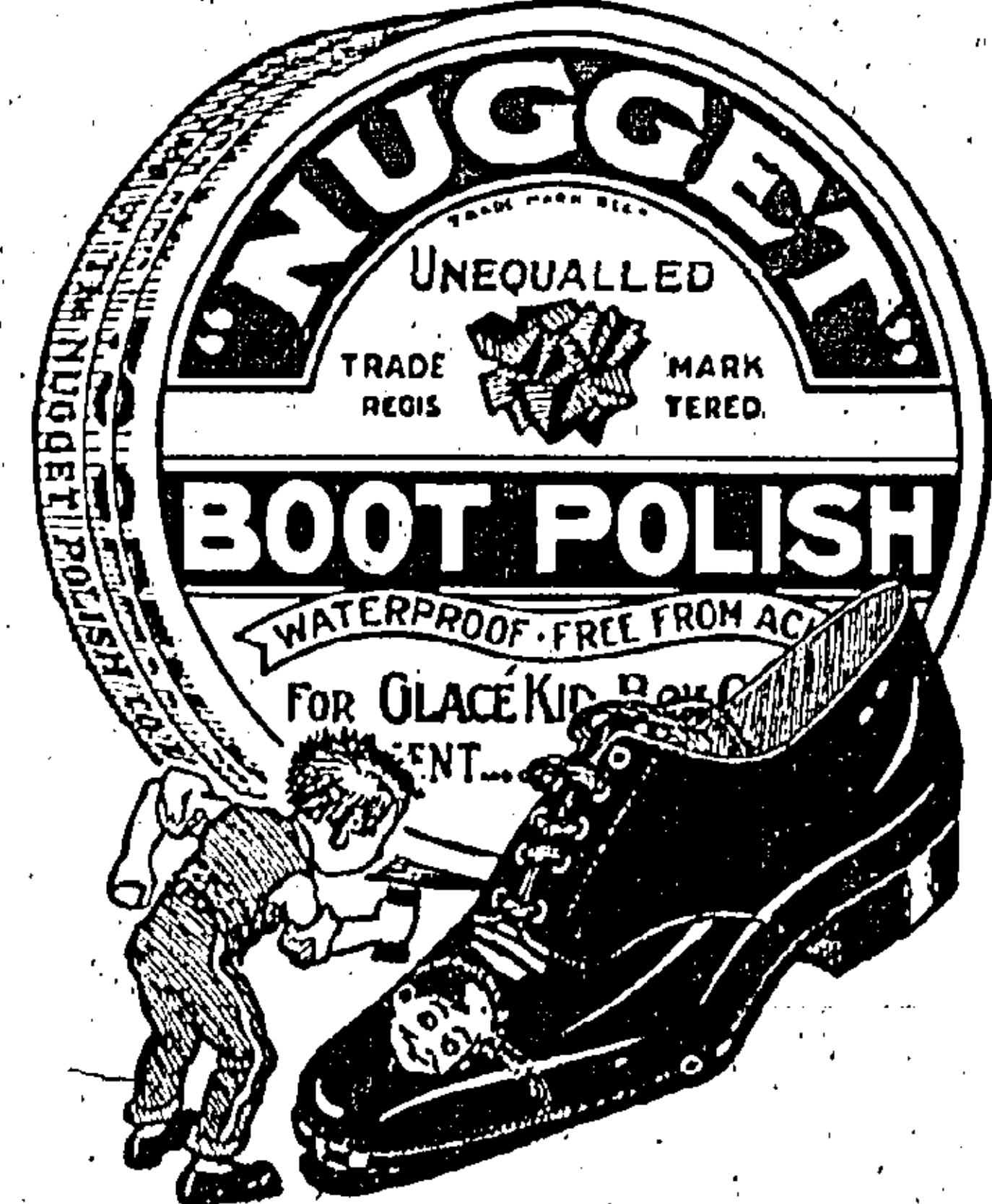
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL UPSETS.

KOWLOON DEFEAT THE K. O. S. B.

POLICE SCORE TWO GOALS AGAINST NAVY.

CHINESE TEAMS DRAW.

[By "Wanderer"]

Kowloon and the Police were responsible for decided "upsets" in the Senior League on Saturday, the former taking two points from the K.O.S.B., while the Police beat a very strong Navy team.

As anticipated, the clash between the rival Chinese clubs proved a humdinger, but no definite decision was reached. The results were:

Senior Division.			
South China	1	Chinese Ath.	1
Kowloon	2	K.O.S.B.	0
Police	1	Royal Navy	0
H.K.F.C.	2	Small Units	1
R.A.	2	Recreio	1
Junior Division.			
Navy 2nd	7	Queen's Res.	2
Recreio	1	Chinese Ath.	5
K.O.S.B.	7	Eastern	1
R.A. Res.	1	Kowloon Res.	1
R.A.F.	2	Small Units	2
S. China "B"	1	St. Joseph's	0

THE CLUB JUST WIN.

Strong Second Half Rally.

Since Lolly Goldman joined the Club eleven there has been such an improvement in performance and results that it was something of a shock to their supporters to find them a goal in arrears at half-time to Small Units, the Cinderella of the Senior Division. The Club, however, rallied finely in the second half, and Goldman again proved his worth by netting two neat goals.

It took the Club all their time to beat the Small Units, but on the whole their form was quite good, and their victory would have been easier but for brilliant work by Penny, the opposing goal-keeper, and excellent covering work by Dodson and Smith, the former being the best back on the field.

Edwards in the Club goal had an easy time, and he was given no chance when Wilson eluded Holt and Bishop and Ayer for the Small Units from close range about mid-way through the first half. The visitors held on to their lead until shortly after half-time when Goldman broke through and equalised with a great shot.

Great defensive work seemed to indicate that the Club would have to be content with a draw, but a nice movement initiated by Stewart gave Goldman an opportunity, and he made no mistake.

Despite his two goals, Goldman was not quite up to his usual form, but he played well enough to be a constant source of danger to the Small Units defence, while he kept his line well together. He received much valuable assistance from Scott, who gave a dashing display, while Alexander on the right wing was more than useful.

The Club have been able to get back to their old half-back line, McBride, Stewart and Watson, and this enabled them to dominate the game. Watson gave a splendid display, helping his forwards to some very useful passes, but McBride while working terrifically hard gave Wilson too much scope, and it was from this winger that the principal Army raids sprang. Basham was an enterprising leader of the Small Units attack, but he was crowded out of the few opportunities that came his way.

The standard was rather higher than might have been expected, and good defensive work on both sides alone prevented big scoring.

CHINESE TEAMS DRAW.

Needle Match Left Undecided.

A determined effort in the second half saved South China a point in their "needle" match at Caroline Hill against their rivals, Chinese Athletic.

Experience told in the first half, the Athletic settling down the sooner and applying great pressure. Lam Yuk-ying had one of his best days, reducing Li Tin-hoy and Pau Ka-chuen to comparative impotence, while the even elusive Ip Pak-wa found his movements considerably hampered by the wise old head of Leung Yuk-tong. With the usually lively South

China forwards effectively held, the Athletic line was given many opportunities, and a series of dazzling raids were set up which threatened to produce a goal at any moment. Pau Ka-ping brought off three smart saves in quick succession, while sterling defensive work by Li Tin-sang nipped dangerous openings in the bud at critical moments.

The South China half-backs were overworked and might easily have given way but for the soundness of the men behind them. Even so, Suen Kam-shun came close on several occasions. The South China defence held out until the interval was almost reached, when Chan Kwon-oi ended a smart run with a perfect centre which Lai Wai-koon headed through.

South China's chief weakness, their half-back play, was not so noticeable in the second half and their forwards gradually got a greater share of the game. Both goals had extremely narrow escapes and in one exciting melee round the Athletic goal, Ip Chan-ping cleared in a manner known only to himself.

The lively left wing, however, found that the pace had tired Leung Yuk-tong, who was beaten repeatedly by the outside-left, who centred delightfully for Pau Ka-chuen to score the equaliser. Both sides went out for the winner, but the defences were too good.

South China rallied strongly in the second half and had the match lasted a little longer might easily have gained the upper hand. As it was they almost pulled the match round.

The score just about represented the run of the play. The Athletic were clearly superior before the interval, but slackened off later. Both teams were well served at back, the Athletic had the better line of half-backs. The Athletic gave a more artistic display forward, but their line rarely looked as dangerous as that of South China when the latter got going.

K.O.S.B. SMOTHERED.

Gruelling Time for Kowloon Defence.

Kowloon's remarkable victory over the K.O.S.B. goes on record as one of the most extraordinary games I have ever seen. The only goal scored fifteen minutes after the interval, was the result of a great individual burst by Miles, and led to such tremendous efforts by the Borderers to get on terms, that it seemed miraculous that the Kowloon did not fall on several occasions.

Kowloon played with the great spirit of a team reduced to desperation, and deserve every credit for the wonderful way in which every K.O.S.B. attack was smothered.

From a football standpoint, the Borderers were the better team from start to finish, but they tried to exploit pattern-weaving against a defence unhesitant in tackling, and splendid in covering each other. It was indeed a very barren day for the Borderers forward line, who were given splendid passes by a smart half-back line, but could do practically nothing when the danger zone was reached. The chief factors were the great defensive displays of McKelvie, Pile and Hast.

McKelvie, as he was almost obliged to, devoted himself to stalling the opposition attack, and except for an occasional nicely judged sweeping pass to the wingers, the forwards received little support from him.

Pile gave as fine an exhibition of back play as has been seen in Hongkong for a long time. He tackled with rare judgment, kicked with remarkable accuracy and power from every conceivable angle, seemed to be on both sides of the field at once, and beat even the burly Reeves for the ball when it came to headwork. His interceptions were the result of remarkable anticipation, and if, as he did towards the end when the hard work was tiring him, make a mistake, he recovered so rapidly and effectively that no possible censure could be forthcoming. He was splendidly supported by Hast, who coming from the reserve team, was almost as cool as Pile and saved many critical situations.

The great work of the backs, and the hard work of the half-backs saved Kowloon undoubtedly, and Angus in goal was seldom severely tested though he had anxious moments enough for a dozen games.

A curious feature of the game, also, was that Kowloon's scrappy forward line, when it did break away, looked far more likely to get goals than the Borderers. Miles, though usually in the pocket of Everest, played one of his best games, was the instigator of many

dangerous raids, and had come extremely close to scoring on two previous occasions before obtaining the winning goal.

In the first half, he broke clean through and put in a terrific shot which McDougall turned for a corner by an amazing save, while ten minutes later, he took a ball first time in front of goal from Clemo. It would have been a certain goal had it been taken properly. The ball curled high in the air, and dropped in the midst of a packed goal, and Spary headed on the cross-bar.

In the second half, after a long sustained K.O.S.B. attack, Baldwin sent Miles away with a nice pass, the latter dribbling Bird with ease, drawing McDougall out of his goal and shooting past him in great style.

The Borderers set up a hot attack which except for an occasional Kowloon burst, more frequent in the last five minutes, was maintained to the end of the match. The Kowloon goal bore a charmed life. Reeves, Torrie and Alexander all putting over from close range. Reeves was too closely watched to be effective.

McGlinchey was industriously working and planning the whole time, but his best movements were intercepted, and he was rarely given a chance to shoot.

The game on the whole was a poor exhibition of the code, though it was exciting enough. Kowloon showed a very poor conception of teamwork except when it came to defence. Davies, for instance, (an other reserve), placed in the team at inside-right, was seldom seen in his proper position, but he gave an heroic display as a fourth half-back whether he was assisting Hedley, McKelvie, or Easterbrook. He was all over the field, as a matter of fact, getting in the way of the Borderers and that was all Kowloon needed. He went all out from beginning to end and fully justified his inclusion, though he did not earn his place since he rarely occupied it.

The game played by the Borderers was asking for trouble and they got it. The weaker team never allowed them to settle down.

POLICE STILL AT IT.

Navy Lose by Two Clear Goals.

The Police are still at it. They had much less of the game on St. Joseph's ground than the Navy, and won by two goals to nil, scoring once in each half. Their wonderful defence is again the explanation, and a full report of each of their recent matches would be almost repetition.

Fraser broke through in the first half and gave the Police the lead, and they forced the ball through a second time in a mass attack in the second half. The Navy found the small ground unsettling, but nevertheless attacked with frequency, Wynne, Williams and Clark being extremely hard worked. They came through the ordeal with the usual high credit.

McGreavy made the majority of the Police openings. At inside-right, his experience as a half-back enabled him to render just the right sort of assistance to Britain, and at the same time be the most efficient forward. He gave both wingers some ideal passes, while he backed up the dashing Fraser in manner excellent.

The Navy were soundly served in defence, but the backs paid the full penalty for their only real defensive errors.

RECREIO DEFEATED.

Go Down Unexpectedly to the Artillery.

The Club de Recreio are noticing the absence of Gosano more now than earlier on. The team is playing without its old enthusiasm and though they gained the lead against the Artillery in the second half of the match at Sookumpoo, failed to hold on when the Artillery exercised pressure.

Ward scored a good goal from a centre from the right, after a scoreless first half, but within fifteen minutes Gill had equalised and Bridgeman netted the winner ten minutes later. It was not a good game, though both goals had some thrilling escapes. The winners were excessively vigorous at certain stages of the game.

Both lines of forwards were speedy, but whereas the Artillery backs did not waver under pressure, the Recreio's rearguard was none too safe, Silva Netto making many mistakes. The R.A. forwards, therefore, had the better opportunities.

JUNIOR SURPRISES.

Queen's Reserves Beaten.

If there are many surprises on a par with the Navy's 7-2 victory over the Queen's Reserves, the Second Division struggle is likely to prove interesting. The Queen's had beaten all the best without once suffering defeat, until Saturday. The Navy simply overran their defence in the first half gaining a lead of 6-0 at the interval. The Queen's showed

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LOCAL CRICKET.

Y.M.C.A. WIN OVER THE INDIANS.

In a friendly game at Sookumpoo, the Y.M.C.A. defeated the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI by ten runs.

The Y.M.C.A. knocked up 129, the top scorers being H. Hampton (28), A. B. Clemo (26), F. Caveney (19) and O. B. Raven (18). Sirdar Khan took seven wickets for 36 runs.

The Indians' score was 119, the principal scorers being A. Suffad (30), D. Mohamed (28), Sirdar Khan (17) and A. M. Rumjahn (15). Hedley took 5 for 37, whilst Clemo had precisely the same average.

something more akin to form afterwards, but the best of efforts was then much too late.

The K.O.S.B. rivalled the Navy in goal-scoring by piling up seven against the Eastern F.C., who gave a poor display compared with their recent performances. Kowloon shared the points with the R.A., the Small Units shared the points with R.A.F. while wins were registered by Chinese Athletic and South China "B."

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THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

EXPERTS COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED.

London, Dec. 22. It is officially announced that M. Poincare and Herr Von Hoesch, the German Ambassador at Paris, have arrived at the following agreement, to which other governments concerned have assented, about the constitution of the Committee of Experts which is to deal with the settlement of the reparations problem in accordance with the decision reached at Geneva on September 16 last.

Firstly, it is highly desirable, in the common interest, that in addition to experts to be appointed by each of the six Governments which were parties to the decision at Geneva, nationals of the United States of America should take part in the work of the Committee. Secondly, the Committee, following the precedent of first committee of experts which was set up in November, 1923, must evidently be composed of independent experts possessing international reputation and authority in their own country, but these experts will not be bound by instructions from their governments. The number of members shall be two for each country, but it is contemplated that members can appoint deputies to assist them.

Thirdly, the Committee shall meet in the first instance at Paris as soon as possible. It will be left to the Committee to take a final decision as to its place of meeting.

Appointment of Experts.

Fourthly, the Committee, on its appointment shall receive from the six Governments, in accordance with the Geneva agreement of September 16 last, a mandate, "to draw up proposals for the complete and final settlement of the reparations problem."

These proposals should provide for the settlement of obligations resulting from existing treaties and agreements between Germany and creditor powers. The Committee shall make its report both to the governments which took part in the Geneva decision and to the Reparation Commission.

The appointment of experts shall take place in accordance with the following procedure: Experts of creditor powers which took part in the Geneva decision shall be chosen by the governments of those powers and shall be appointed as those governments may prefer, either by the governments themselves or by the Reparation Commission. The German experts shall be appointed by the Government.

Steps are being taken by the six Governments concerned to ascertain the best means of securing participation of American members.—British Wireless.

U.S. Participation.

Washington, Dec. 22. It is expected the British Ambassador will shortly approach the United States Government on the question of the participation of American experts in the work of a committee to study the German reparations problem. Although no formal invitation has yet been received, it is understood that President Coolidge would be sympathetic thereto.

President Coolidge feels the matter is one almost entirely involving that a study should be made by the European nations, but does not wish the United States to shirk its duty. President Coolidge is of the opinion that a study should be made by the representatives who should be left free by the governments to exercise their own judgment as regards the amounts payable.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

HUGE CROWD STORMS A FOOTBALL FIELD.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 23. An ugly incident marred the soccer match between the Shanghai "Reco" and Loh Hwa, the strongest local Chinese eleven, at the Stadium this afternoon.

An hour before play, a crowd estimated at 25,000—a record for Shanghai—packed the stands to their capacity, and the gates were closed. A large number, though refused admittance, did not go away and the Stadium officials summoned the police as the crowd were in an angry mood.

When the Loh Hwa team arrived, the crowd stormed the gates, and in the crush two Chinese women were seriously hurt and about 30 to 50 people altogether were slightly injured.

Finding themselves locked out, a section of the crowd tore down the bamboo fence at the back of the Stadium and streamed on to the field.

The match eventually began, ending without either side scoring. No foreigners were injured, though a number helped to rescue children from being crushed.

CRICKET LEAGUE MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. OBTAIN FULL POINTS.

Of the six league matches played on Saturday, five were brought to a finish, only one game, that between the Kowloon C. C. and the Civil Service, on the former's ground, ending in a draw. The Hongkong Cricket Club visited the Chinese R.C. and secured full points. The batting of Tsui Wal-pui for the Chinese was one of the features of the match, this player scoring two sixes off Dobbie and being eventually brilliantly caught in the country by Hayward off Bonnar.

DIVISION I.

Heavy Scoring on the Kowloon Cricket Club Ground.

There was some heavy scoring on the Kowloon C. C. ground where Civil Service were the visitors. Civil Service batted first. Sayer and de Rome, the opening pair, both did well. A. E. Wood, however, was the highest scorer with 59 to his credit. The side declared when they had reached 108 for four. K.C.C. tried no fewer than eight bowlers.

The home team was equal to the occasion and when stumps were drawn they had scored 148 for the loss of only two wickets. Brace made 62 not out. E. F. Fincher obtained 64 before he fell a victim to Baker.

Hongkong C. C. v Chinese R. C.

The Hongkong Cricket Club journeyed to Causeway Bay where they met the Chinese R. C. The visitors opened none too promisingly, but Pearce, Owen Hughes, Dobbie and Parker put a different complexion on affairs and the declaration was made with seven wickets down for 107.

The Chinese were unable to do much against the bowling of Dobbie and Wales. Tsui Wal-pui scored 26 runs, hitting two "sixes" off Dobbie and being eventually dismissed by a catch in the long field by Hayward off Bonnar's bowling. Dobbie took four of the Chinese wickets for 22 runs.

DIVISION II.

Last Year's Champions Badly Beaten.

At Sookunpo, the University were heavily trounced by the home team. The match proved to be very one-sided.

Batting first, the home team compiled 144, of which A. S. Suffind was responsible for 40. Mr. "Extras" was next with 21.

H. T. Barma was the only player to reach double figures for the University. The side scored 54 runs in all. Atkins took four wickets for nine runs for the Indians.

Hongkong C. C. v Kowloon C. C.

Playing on the Club ground, the home team registered a big victory over the Kowloon C. C.'s second string. Batting first, Hongkong C. C. obtained 174 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Mitchell showing splendid form in compiling 87 not out.

The Kowloon C. C. disappointed their supporters. A. R. F. Raven obtained 22 of a total of 69. For H. K. C. C. Evers took four wickets for 8 runs, Stanion three for 10 and Tait two for 0.

Civil Service v Police.

The Police and Civil Service met on the latter's ground, the home team winning by a margin of 82 runs. R. S. W. Paterson (55), R. R. Davies (31), J. F. Willmott (26) and F. E. Booker (20) were largely responsible for the home team's big score of 172. Lacey, for the Police, took seven of the Civil Service wickets for 55 runs.

For the Police, T. H. King contributed a useful 43 to a total of 90. S. Randle was the only other player to obtain double figures, scoring 19.

Electric R. C. v Reco.

The Electric R. C., visiting the Club do Reco, returned badly beaten. The home team dismissed the visitors for 31 runs, of which Gahagan was responsible for 15. Alves took four wickets for 21 runs and Pinna five for ten runs.

The Reco passed their opponents' score with six wickets to spare. They went on to complete their innings, scoring 148 when the last man was out.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Capt. H. D. Weir Makes the Highest Score of the Day.

At King's Park, the Royal Navy defeated Craigengower C. C. by 112 runs.

The Navy scored 201 runs for the loss of only four wickets and declared. Of this total, Capt. H. D. Weir contributed 91 runs and was undefeated. Inst. Lt. Comdr. Abelson obtained 54 runs and Lt. Norris was unbeaten with 38 to his credit.

Craigengower's reply was 89 runs, of which Omar obtained 22. Zimmern was next with 20 runs, and only two other players reached double figures. Lt. J. S. Dalison took four wickets for the Navy at the cost of 20 runs and A. B. Large was responsible for a similar number for 23 runs.

Craigengower 2nd v R. A. S. C.

At Happy Valley, the Craigengower's second string defeated the R. A. S. C. by seven wickets. The Army team batted first and obtained 97, Pte. Andrews and Pte. Lyons being responsible for 24 and 20 respectively.

Craigengower passed this total with seven wickets to spare. They went on and obtained 164 for the loss of six wickets when stumps were drawn.



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YESTERDAY'S FRIENDLIES.

Interesting Afternoon's Game at King's Park.

Playing at King's Park yesterday, the Navy defeated a strong team fielded by the Volunteers in a friendly match.

The Volunteers batted first, and thanks to a contribution of 31 runs by E. C. Fincher, managed to obtain 108 runs in all. A. B. Large, Pay-

Lt. Watch and Lt. Dalison were quite successful with the ball. Large captured four for 34, Watch three for 23, and Dalison 8 for 16.

The Navy passed their opponents' score with three wickets to spare. When they reached 104 runs, the score board showed 7 wickets down.

Two more wickets fell without addition to the score, but a good last wicket partnership between Large and Watch brought the total to 123. W. C. Hung's XI v Volunteers "A."

At Causeway Bay yesterday, a team captained by Mr. W. C. Hung played against the Volunteers "A."

Mr. Hung's eleven declared with 164 runs for nine wickets. U. M. Omar was top scorer with 74. Summers for the Volunteers took five wickets at a cost of 43 runs.

The Volunteers replied with 116 of which F. Baker contributed 80. W. C. Hung captured five wickets for 16 runs.

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The second half of the concert was as varied as the first half; another sketch was presented at the close.

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OBITUARY.

M. RENE VESSER.

The death occurred at the French Hospital yesterday morning of M. Rene Vesser, who has been a resident of the Colony for some years.

M. Vesser, who resided at the Glenealy Hotel, was very badly gassed during the war, in which he served as a liaison officer. He was in receipt of a pension from the French Government for complete disablement. He never recovered his health and his death is directly attributed to his war service.

He was the proud possessor of the Croix de Guerre and the Medaille Militaire. He was 47 years of age. Much sympathy will be felt locally with Madame Vesser in her bereavement.

Mrs. I. M. Leonard.

The death occurred on Saturday morning of Mrs. Iamania Maria Leonard, of No. 45 Wungneichong Road.

The late Mrs. Leonard had been ill for some time and was taken to the Victoria Hospital on November 29. On the advice of her doctors, she was removed to the Government Civil Hospital a fortnight ago.

On December 17, Mrs. Leonard gave birth to a daughter. The birth, unfortunately, was followed by complications of a serious nature and Mrs. Leonard lingered until Saturday morning, when she passed away.

Mrs. Leonard's child is now progressing quite well. The deceased's only other child died at birth.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, there being a large gathering of friends and relatives at the graveside. The remains were interred at the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Much sympathy was extended to the husband, Mr. F. D. Leonard, in the loss he has had to bear, more especially as his wife was only thirty years of age and they had been married a little over two years.

Mrs. E. A. Bateman.

Many of the older residents of the Colony will regret to hear of

CHINESE WEDDING.

WELL-KNOWN FAMILIES UNITED IN MARRIAGE.

At St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, Miss Kwok Lai-sim, daughter of the late Mr. Kwok Quay and Mrs. Kwok Quay, was married to Dr. Phoon Sock-foo, son of the late Mr. Phoon and Mrs. Phoon Sze-long.

The bride's father was manager of the Wing On Co.'s branch at Sydney, Australia, where the bride was born. Two of her uncles are managers respectively of the Wing On Company at Shanghai and Hongkong and a third is manager of the Wing On Textile Co. of Shanghai. Mrs. Kwok Quay is also well known in Hongkong social and religious circles, being a sister of Mrs. Ma Ying-piu and Mrs. Ma Wing-chun, whose husbands are executive officers in the Sincere Company (Hongkong).

The bridegroom is equally well-known. A graduate of the Hongkong University, he has now a good practice in Singapore. He comes from a family of doctors, his father and three of his four brothers being highly respected in Singapore and also in Hongkong.

The Rev. Y. K. Lee officiated at the wedding, and there was a large gathering of friends of both families at the Cathedral. A reception was subsequently held at Lane, Crawford's. The honeymoon will be spent in Shanghai.

The death at Home of Mrs. Elizabeth Annie Bateman, who was Head Mistress of the Bellios Public School from 1891 to 1900.

Mrs. Bateman was about 66 years of age when she retired. Many of her old scholars from Hongkong paid her visits when they happened to be in England and Mrs. Bateman was always glad to meet them, for she took a keen interest in the School which she had served for so long.

For many years, Mrs. Bateman had been a widow. Her husband was formerly at St. Paul's College, where a school for European boys was conducted.

Mrs. H. K. Holmes, wife of the Crown Solicitor, is a daughter of the deceased lady.

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before Thursday the 27th December, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard & Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 24th December, 1928.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 11th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th December, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1928.

WANTS BROTHER'S JOB.

MISS EVANGELINE BOOTH SAILS FOR ENGLAND.

New York, Dec. 22. The Salvation Army leader, Miss Evangeline Booth, accompanied by her personal staff, has secretly sailed under an assumed name to attend the High Council at Sunbury-on-Thames on January 8. It is understood that the American delegation propose to appoint Miss Evangeline Booth as head of the Salvation Army, to replace her brother, General Bramwell Booth.—*Reuter's American Service.*

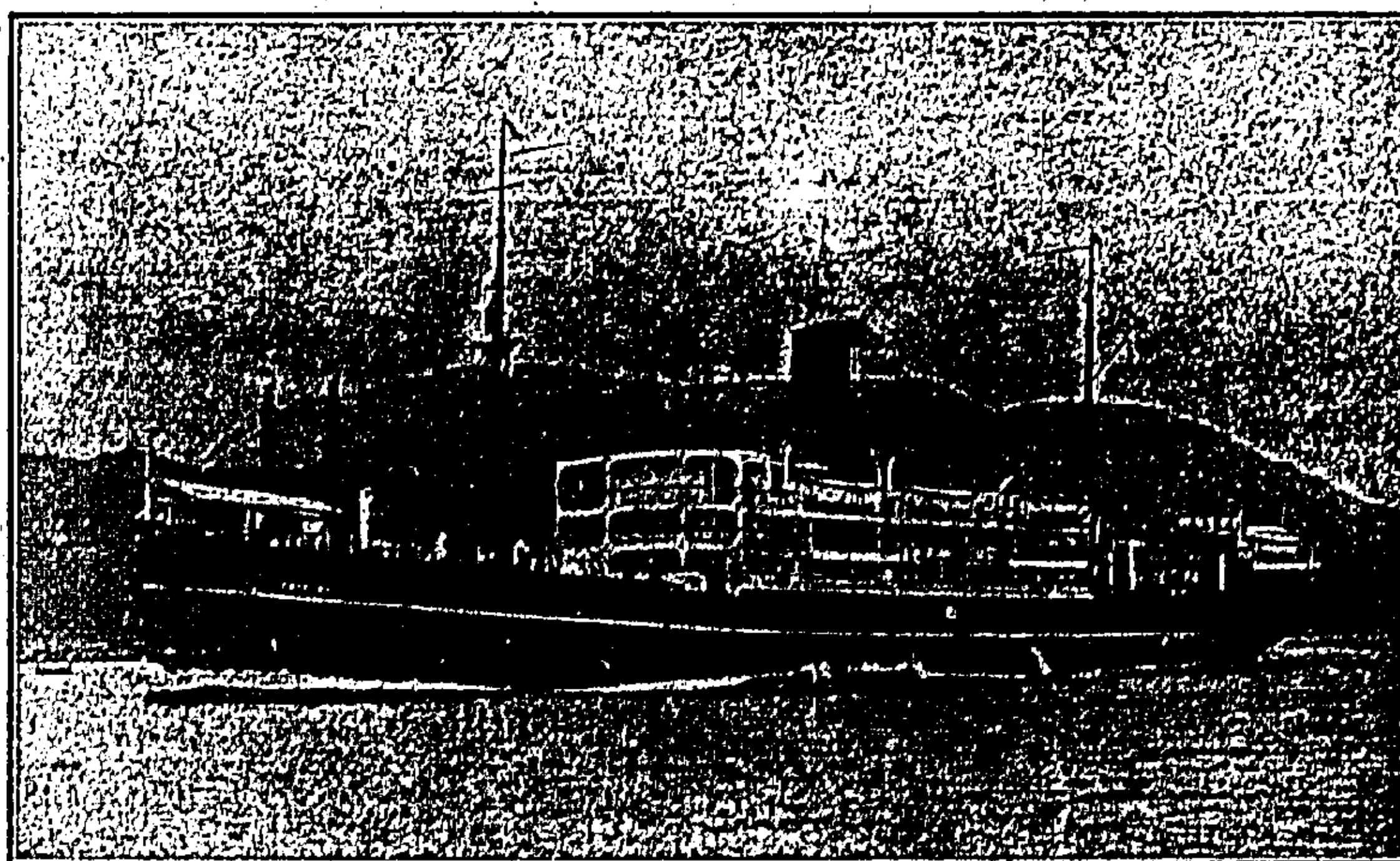
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Mishima Maru Wednesday, 20th Feb.

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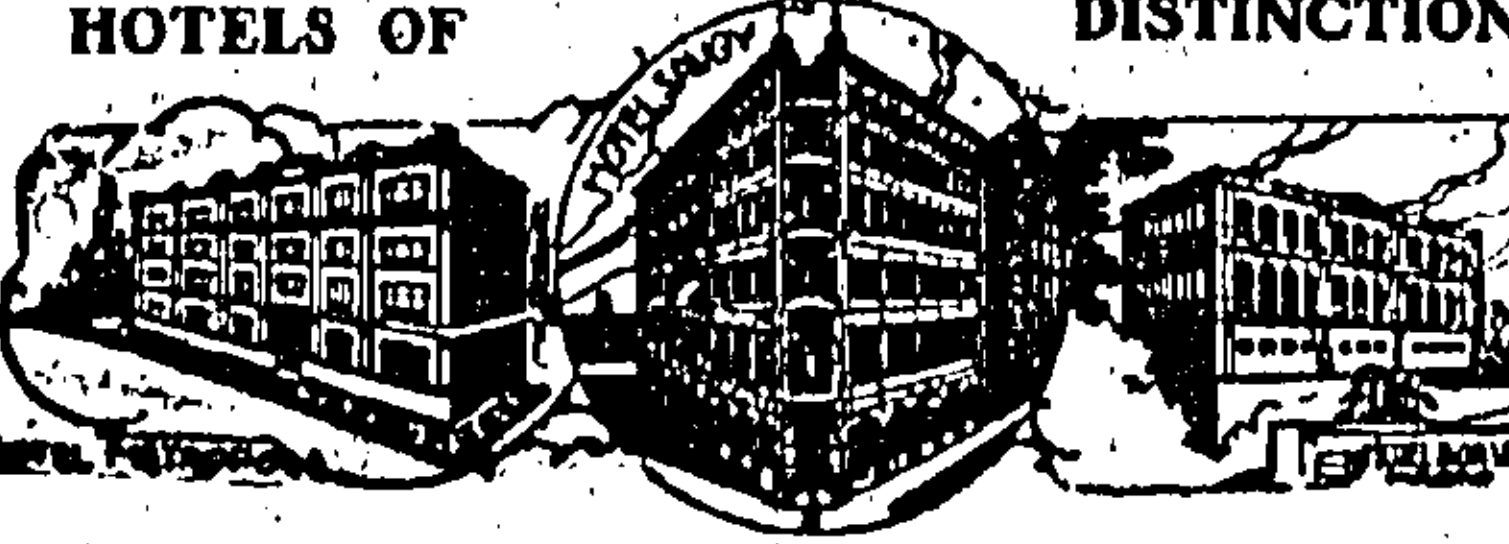
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CAUTION GIVEN FOR TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

Charged with posting bills which had not been submitted and passed by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, stated that he had been instructed to post the bills by his master.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, who prosecuted on behalf of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said that only a technical offence had been committed. There was nothing objectionable about the posters.

Mr. Forrest mentioned that the Ordinance under which the defendant was charged would, he understood, be reconstructed in the near future and the action covering the charge would be omitted.

His Worship registered a conviction and cautioned the defendant.

ELECTRICITY FOR TERRITORIES.

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agreement with the Hongkong Government for the supply of electricity to the New Territories. We do not expect that this can prove a paying proposition right off, as the population of the New Territories is a scattered one; but we think that in time it will prove a profitable source of revenue.

There is nothing, I think, in the accounts before you that requires any further comment from me, and I therefore beg to propose the following resolution:—"That the Report and Accounts as presented to the Meeting be adopted and passed, and that a Final Dividend of 5% on the paid up Capital of the Company be and is declared in respect of the financial year ended 30th September, 1928, and the undivided profits of the Company amounting to \$199,262.52, less such Final Dividend, be carried forward to Profit & Loss Account for the financial year 1928/1929."

Mr. A. H. Compton seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

On the proposal of Mr. A. Keith, seconded by Mr. Tang Hung-ku, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. A. da Rosa were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, were re-elected auditors of the Company, Capt. C. B. Riggs proposing and Mr. J. Toppin seconding.

Besides the Chairman, those present at the meeting were Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. C. A. da Rosa, Mr. A. H. White, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. J. P. Braga and Sir Robert Ho Tung, (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith, Mr. J. Toppin, Mr. A. A. Botelho, Mr. Tse Tsan-tai, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. Tang Hung-ku, Mr. H. Dreyer, Mr. John Dick, Captain C. B. Riggs, (shareholders), Mr. C. Stratford (Works Manager) and Mr. N. Braga (Secretary).

QUEEN'S THEATRE ATTRACTIONS.

EXCELLENT FILM AND CLEVER DANCES.

Based on the popular musical comedy, "Rose Marie," with Joan Crawford in the title role, and other leading parts taken by Creighton Hale and House Peters, proved to be a very acceptable picture at the Queen's Theatre last night when it was shown for the first time. Joan Crawford gave a sympathetic interpretation of her role which is one alternating between romance and comedy.

The piece de resistance which packed the Theatre from top to bottom last night, however, was the appearance of the members of the "Parisian Revue" who took the audience by storm with their dance and song items. They were graceful as well as attractive figures in a number of colourful scenes. The two chief dancers, Olga Mangelle and Marie Seroff, especially proved themselves to be performers of great merit, heading a company which is one of the best that has been seen here.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of a quantity of boiled opium and with resisting arrest. It was stated that the defendant snatched the constables' whistles and broke the chain. Remarking that it was not the opium but the resistance that he objected to, his Worship fined the defendant \$10 on each charge.

"THE DIVINE WOMAN."

GRETA GARBO IN LATEST FILM.

Greta Garbo, the famous blonde siren of the screen, appears as the leading player in a new picture "The Divine Woman," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday.

The story is most unusual and concerns the love affairs of a famous French actress who, sickened by the homage paid to her by royalty and wealthy admirers, returns to her first love, a deserter from the French Army. Lars Hanson, who appeared with the star in "Flesh and The Devil," plays the leading male role as the soldier and it is said that his part is the most colourful of his career. Polly Moran introduces bright touches of comedy in her own inimitable manner from time to time, and others in the cast worthy of mention are Lowell Sherman, Paulette Goddard and Jean de Brinc. Directed by Victor Sjöström, a director with many screen successes to his credit, the picture is spoken of as being remarkable in many ways and one which should not be missed.

At 9.20 p.m. Signor Carpi's popular "Parisian Revue" will appear in a complete change of programme.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1315 sa
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n.
P. and O. \$94 n.
East Asiatic, \$34 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 s.
Union Ins., \$365 b.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$245 s.
China Firs, \$280 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$780 s.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$384 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$1 sa.
Indo-Chinese, (Def.) \$724 b.
Shell Trans., \$118 n.
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.

Mining.

Bongueta, \$250 n.
Kailash, \$73 b.
Langkate, \$11 n.
Shai Exploration, \$12.80 s.
Raub, \$51 n.
Tronoh, \$176 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$134 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$374 b.
China Providents, \$5 b.
Hongkong, \$156 b.
New Engineering, \$153 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$105 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$13.15 n.
Orientals, \$12.25 s.
Shai Cottons, \$12.65 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$920 b.
H. K. Lands, \$644 b.
Shai Lands, \$165 b.
Humphreys, \$15 s.
Realities, \$84 s.

Public Utilities.

Framways, \$211 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$69 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$12 n.
H. K. Electric, \$53 b.
Macao Electric, \$262 b.
Telephones, \$730 X. Rights s.
China Buses, \$107 b.
Singapore Traction, \$12 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$90 b.
Malabona, \$234 b.
Canton Ice, \$350 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$950 s.
Ropes (Old) \$780 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$21 b.
Watsons, \$134 n.
Der A. Wing, \$80 b.
Lane Crawfords, \$305 n.
Macintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceros, \$950 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$284 s.
Constructions, \$150 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$67%
H. K. G. Loan 5%, Prom. Interest

A Chinese who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with sitting down and drying boiled rice on the steps of the war monument erected to the memory of the Indians of Hongkong was discharged by his Worship, who intimated that no offence had been committed.

MINERS' APPEAL FOR HELP.

"1,000,000 SOUS FACED WITH STARVATION."

In accordance with instructions given at the last meeting of the Miners' Executive, the officers of the Federation have now issued an appeal for help for the distressed coal areas.

The appeal attributes the trouble to the fact that for several years evolutionary changes in the source and use of power have resulted in the number of mine-workers being in excess of requirements, and to the passing of the Eight Hours Act and the measures of reorganisation now in progress. There is not a word about the strike having anything to do with it.

Of the 300,000 now unemployed, the appeal states that 200,000 to 250,000 are "permanent unemployed surplus," and that this means, including wives and children, 1,000,000 souls faced with starvation unless help is speedily given. "The mining population," it is stated, "is faced with a cataclysm comparable to the destruction wrought by some great earthquake, or other giant disturbance of nature."

"Large numbers of men," adds the appeal, "have long exhausted the benefits to which they were entitled under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, and the machinery of the Poor Law is utterly inadequate to cope with the situation."

The transference of workers has begun on a small scale, and the alternative avenues of employment may be opened up, but "to bridge the transitional period" they ask for help from all persons of good will. They appeal to the nation to help the sufferers to combat the rigours of the approaching winter, and to provide some little cheer for them during Christmastide.

COMMISSION ON A CONTRACT.

HEALTH WEEK ORGANISER FINED £20.

Arthur Herbert Murby, of Queen Victoria-street, London, was summoned at West Ham on Nov. 21, for corruptly accepting £74 from Helena Harriet Sterling (trading as the Abbey Construction Company) as a reward for showing favour to her.

Mr. Percival Clarke (for the West Ham Corporation) said that in 1926 the Corporation held a Health Week, and Murby was engaged as organiser at 250gs. He acted in the negotiations for the erection of stands at a health exhibition, and the tender of the Abbey Construction Company was accepted. Murby had an arrangement under which he was to receive commission on all orders he put in their way. He did not disclose this arrangement, which came out during an action between Murby and the Abbey Construction Company in respect of commissions. The Official Referee sent the papers to the Public Prosecutor.

Mr. Cave, K. C. (for the defence), said that Murby felt that he was not an agent of the Corporation, but his contention was untenable in law. He had had to refund the £74.

Murby was fined £20 and £10 10s. costs.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

BERWICK'S DEPARTURE DELAYED.

H.M.S. Berwick, due to leave Hongkong on January 10 for Shanghai, will not sail until January 12, according to the amended programme. She will call at Santu Inlet and Nimrod Sound on the journey north.

H.M.S. Sterling and H.M.S. Stormcloud arrived in Hongkong on Sunday from Shanghai. H.M.S. Kent, the flagship, arrived at Sandakan from Hongkong yesterday.

LADY SWIMMER'S RECORD.

Paris, Dec. 23.
The Dutch swimmer, Mlle. Braun, swam 400 metres backstroke in 6 min. 10.4/5th secs., which is a world's record.—*Reuter.*

A Chinese who was convicted of being a rogue and vagabond and later of larceny in 1921, and then banished for ten years in 1922, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton for disobeying the deportation order. The defendant was further ordered to receive 12 strokes of the birch.

The rebuilding of Lambeth Bridge will probably begin early in the new year.

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